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Prskalo out, Henderson as sweeper?

AUSTRALIA 4 (Davidson 10th, Niven 20th., Barnes 50th, Jankovics 69th). BRISBANE LIONS 0, at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 1500, Referee: D. Nugent.

MATCH RATING: 8.

AUSTRALIA — Maher 7 (Woodhouse 45th. 7), Perry 7 (Hogg 60th 6), Henderson 8, Blair 7, Niven 7, Barnes 7, Boden 7 (Senkaleki 45th. 6), Davidson 8, Sharpe 7, Jankovics 7, Giampaolo 9.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 8, (Scanlan 60th) Ontong 8, Bennett 7, Daunt 8, Wilson 6 (Kantantinnou 60th), McLean 7, Lindsay 6, McNaughton 8 (Bryce 45th 6), Verweij 6, (Ferris 45th 6), Millman 6.



Tony Henderson



Ivo Prskalo



Steve Blair



Arthur Xanthopoulos

Marconi sweeper Ivo Prskalo could be on the skids as far as national team selection is concerned.

Prskalo was glum as he watched Australia's 4-0 win over Brisbane Lions at Richlands Stadium, Brisbane last week.

He was the only Soccerero there who failed to get a run. Gary Cole and Jim Tansey were out injured.

Indications are that Marconi team mate Tony Henderson will take over from Prskalo as Australia's new libero.

Young South Melbourne stopper Steve Blair was tough and uncompromising in the Lions trial game and he could partner Henderson at the heart of Australia's defence against New Zealand on April 25.

Before the match former Soccerero and Lions stopper Col Bennett praised South Melbourne sweeper Arthur Xanthopoulos and called for Xanthopoulos's immediate inclusion in the national squad.

"He is playing with tremendous confidence and vision and his punishing runs down the middle will worry every PSL team," said Bennett.

The star of the trial game was Leichhardt's new signing from Canberra City, Sebastian Giampaolo.

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Hellas bids for Joe Royle

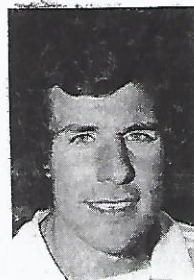
By LAURIE SCHWAB

What a week! The dust is still settling after a series of sackings, threats, resignations, swaps and transfers.

Latest news in a big-news week is that South Melbourne Hellas has made a bid for striker Joe Royle of Norwich City.

Royle, capped six times for England, also has played for Everton, Manchester City and Bristol City, and has scored more than 150 league goals.

Hellas president Sam Papisavas said he had asked Royle to play for Hellas during the English off-season from late April through to about August.



Joe Royle

"At first we wanted to sign him on a longer contract, because we heard he may be free to leave Norwich. However, that was not correct so we hope to get him at least for part of the season," Papisavas said.

Meanwhile:

• Heidelberg sacked coach Manny Poulakakis, discarded its loyal captain Pat Bannion, and appointed Jimmy Rooney player-coach;

• Jim Kondarios threatened not to play for Footscray J.U.S.T. again unless the club agrees to give him a more lucrative contract, whereupon J.U.S.T. removed him from the captaincy and gave the post to Zoran Iloski;

• Marconi swapped its youth international Peter Raskopoulos for Housseini of Sydney Olympic, after completing the purchase of Joe Picioane from Footscray J.U.S.T. for almost \$20,000;

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AJAX WINS AMPOL CUP



• The triumphant men of Ajax after beating Croydon 3-2 in the Victorian Ampol Cup final on Saturday night. Standing from left: Guy Spiteri (president), Mario Borg (committee), Lou Dany, Gus McLeod, John Gardiner, Grant Smart, Bill Morrey, Gerry Bennett, Bobby McLachlan (coach), Steve Cilly, Arnold Langer (committee). Front: Kit Grechan, Stuart Cannell, Kevin Wall (rear), David Hogben (front), Willie Vassallo, Lino Grech, Dane Beranic. Photo by LES SHORROCK.

Campbell was 'stabbed in the back'

By
CRAIG
MAC KENZIE

Make no mistake about it, Victorian State League club George Cross sacked coach Archie Campbell last week.

Press reports described Campbell's removal from the first team coaching position as a mutual agreement between club and coach due to Campbell's interstate travel requirements with his career.

An angry Campbell told me that he'd been "stabbed in the back by one of the players."

"It all happened at a committee meeting last week," said Campbell.

"One of the players had rallied his support with a few committee men and they had the numbers to get rid of me."

"Sure, I have to go interstate once in every four to six weeks but we could have got around that situation. Before I was sacked I had Billy Wilkinson as my assistant looking after the first team on the few occasions when I was interstate. Bill Scerri was looking after the reserves. It all seemed to be working well until last week."

Campbell knew nothing of strong rumours that former Victorian Director of coaching Len McKendry had been approached two months ago to replace him.

It is believed that Cross made overtures to McKendry a week after Campbell was hurt in a car accident last Christmas but McKendry bluntly turned down Cross's offer.

Campbell was full of praise for Cross president Alf Zahra and he said that they enjoyed a fine working relationship.

"Alf's a good president and a very hard worker," said Campbell.

"I think he got a shock when he walked into the committee meeting and found out that there was a concerted effort to get rid of me."

I first heard of the rumour that Campbell could be sacked two days before last week's committee meeting. I rang Alf Zahra and told him of the rumour on the day of the meeting. He assured me that as far as he knew Campbell's position was secure.

Later that night the Cross committee ended an association which started when Campbell joined George Cross as a winger in 1962.

He had played with East Fife, then in the Scottish Second Division and his arrival at the Cross heralded a period of great success for Campbell and the club.

"I've still got a soft spot for the Cross and I suppose it will always be there no matter what happens," said Campbell.

"What annoys me is that my successor will take over a squad greatly improved from last year."

"With the three overseas players I was negotiating with there's no doubt in my mind that we would have finished in the top four."

Campbell was in the middle of negotiations with two Scottish players and Terry Kent, brother of Hakoah winger Chris Kent. Their arrival at the Cross would have given Campbell two more midfielders and a top striker to round off his revamped first team squad. After a year of struggle in the 1980 State League, Campbell was looking forward to success this year.

"It annoys me to see someone else taking the credit for your good work," said Campbell.

"Although I started negotiations with the three players overseas don't be surprised to see them going to another club here."

Campbell claimed that he had proved his worth to the Cross by taking the club through a "backs to the wall" struggle last year when Cross narrowly avoided relegation.

He believes the committee has panicked in response to the rivalry between Cross and Green Gully Ajax.

"There's a lot of pressure from supporters to match Gully's buying spree. Gully now is the number one Maltese backed club and the Cross committee has panicked."

Campbell hopes to resume his coaching career shortly provided the club he joins accepts his need to travel interstate infrequently.

His sacking is another saga in a profession with the highest turnover in Australia.

Campbell didn't have a written contract with the Cross and as the old saying goes, verbal contracts aren't worth the paper they're written on.



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Fleming among best Red Imps

The Lincoln City team of 1975-76 shattered a string of English League records, including most points accumulated for any division in a single season, most wins and fewest defeats during a Fourth Division campaign.

Making a notable contribution for Lincoln, popularly known as the "Red Imps", was John Fleming who now finds himself fighting in the cause of Wollongong Wolves.

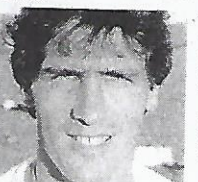
Fleming made 48 appearances for Lincoln during that memorable season, which included a League Cup win over Stoke City and single goal defeats by Leicester City and West Bromwich Albion in other Cup games.

However he was able to claim his share of the glory only due to the shrewd judgement of Lincoln manager Graham Taylor who acquired Fleming after he was given a free transfer by Oxford United in April 1975.

After making his debut for Oxford, then a Second Division club, in 1972, the Nottingham-born utility player was to record 75 appearances there.

This was one of the most competitive eras in Second Division history and Fleming combated the stars of Norwich City, Middlesbrough, Brighton, Aston Villa, WBA, Sunderland, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest, while the mighty men of Liverpool were encountered in a FA Cup tie.

At Oxford Fleming was used primarily as a forward, but Taylor converted him into a midfielder with outstanding results.



John Fleming

Taylor, the supreme motivator, was able to extract the best from Fleming and the manager's move to Watford resulted in a decline in the fortunes of both the player of his club.

In 1979, Lincoln's relegation year, Fleming moved to Port Vale via a free transfer.

Asked to play in the unfamiliar role of striker he failed to spark at Port Vale and after only three games his contract was cancelled by mutual consent of player and club.

A niche in Wollongong's back four has proven far more to Fleming's liking and his is likely to be a key role as Wolves strive to maintain their early season surge.

— PAUL MOON



Bobby McGuinness (left), as runner-up to Tommy Cumming (centre) in the 1979 Rothmans Medal voting. At right is former winner Vince Bannon. McGuinness won the medal in 1980.

Germany replaces Holland

West Germany has replaced Holland among the finalists for the Coca-Cola World Youth Championships to be played in Australia in October.

Holland withdrew because the players in its youth team will be required for club games.

All 16 finalists in the Championship will be involved in the opening round on October 3.

Double headers will be played in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide, following the official opening ceremony in Melbourne.

ASF President, Sir Arthur George told a meeting of the tournament organising committee that plans were well advanced at this stage in practically all areas, despite ground problems in Sydney.

He said: "Sydney is our biggest problem and members of the FIFA committee were not entirely impressed with the Sydney Cricket Ground as the venue."

"It will be difficult to get people from the outer suburbs into the city for the matches and we would prefer a ground in the western suburbs if one were available and up to standard."

Sir Arthur said the remaining nations to qualify for the finals would be known soon. Italy, Spain, England, Romania, Po-

land, the United States, Mexico, South Korea and Gatan have already qualified.

Sir Arthur expects interest to increase after the draw has been made in Canberra on March 31, and announced that a huge publicity programme has been arranged.

Official sponsor, Coca Cola, will distribute nearly one and a half million posters around Australia featuring the draw and further plans to produce millions of consumer items for the local market, such as clothes, hats, drinks and radios.

Spokesman Peter Beach pointed out that 50 networks had made contact about television coverage around the world and an international television producer would be brought to Australia to begin work on the telecasting of the matches.

In addition, a 16 page colour newsletter will be sent to all qualifying countries, every national soccer association, and the World Press. The booklet will include a background to Australia, details and map of each venue and city, and other local information.

Championship manager Brian Emery is confident that Australia will be able to greatly improve on the facilities available at the last tournament in Japan in 1979.

"We have been inundated with offers from people volunteering their services in matters of protocol, transport and language. Other people have indicated their willingness to help in areas outside soccer on the grounds that it is not the sport but Australia which is involved in this championship," he said.

Sir Arthur revealed that donations of

\$100,000 had been received from the Federal Government \$50,000 from NSW, and \$20,000 from South Australia.

Only one change to the venues was approved by the committee when it decided to transfer the playoff for 3rd and 4th place from Melbourne to Adelaide on the final day.

In early plans, the opening round on October 3 will probably be played at night.

On Monday, October 5, Sydney, Newcastle and Adelaide will start their fixtures in mid-afternoon. Tuesday 6th Brisbane and Melbourne at night. Thursday 8th, Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Canberra at night.

Quarter finals on Sunday 12th in Sydney, Canberra, Newcastle and Melbourne will be afternoon games, and the semi-finals on Wednesday 15th in Sydney and Melbourne will be at night.

The final in Sydney on Saturday 18th will be 3 pm, and the play-off for 3rd and 4th in Adelaide 3 pm.

Press centres arranged at this stage are the Hyatt in Sydney for overseas and interstate journalists, Perry Park in Brisbane, Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide with suggestions being examined of NBN in Newcastle and the sports complex adjacent to Olympic Park in Melbourne. A major requirement is that each press centre must consist of at least 1,000 square feet.

Referees will consist of one from each competing country, six from neutral countries, and six from Australia who will act as linesmen only.

Another Craig Johnston?

Will this boy (right) be another Craig Johnston?

He has a similar background. Born of British parents. Same first name. Same desire to make the big time in England.

However Craig Johnston is now 20 and has 'made it', whereas Craig Dye is only 12 and has the whole challenge before him.

Craig planted his little foot tentatively on the road to success when he recently made the Sutherland (Sydney) representative team for under 13's.

His next forward step this year is to make the NSW under 13 squad.

Craig is one of the 10 young boys coached by myself.

We train each morning of the week from 6-7am before school.

The boys will remain with me for three to four years and at the end of that time I hope they will all be knocking at the door of the professional ranks here or overseas.

The boys are all representative players, aged 12 and 13, one from as far afield as Auburn, an hour's drive from our training ground at Port Hacking School, Miranda.

Craig has had a dream for several years now to play professional soccer in England.

His father, a Qantas jumbo jet pilot, has encouraged that dream.

"Craig is far more interested in sports than in academic attainment," he said.

"He is quite good at school, but he excels at all sports."

"If this was 10 years ago I would probably not have contemplated him making his living from professional sport."

"But things have changed. A successful sportsman can earn good money today, especially in soccer, here or overseas, and I believe the earning potential will increase."

Craig is clear in his mind. He wants to go to England to play full-time professional soccer.

If everything goes according to plan, the likelihood is we will take him to England when he is 15.

As I stated last week, 15 is the best age for a boy to try to break into top professional soccer overseas.

Because of the success of Craig Johnston, English clubs are receptive to well credentialed Australian boys.



Mike Johnson

Dave Sexton, manager of Manchester United, with whom I was good friends when we were at Brighton together, was very keen to give John Kosmina a trial with United but John preferred Arsenal.

Current Brighton manager, Alan Mullery, was disappointed a few weeks ago when star St. George junior, Nick Papas, was prevented by his father from trialling with the English club.

Mr Papas, who had contacted me to try and get his boy a trial with an English club, at the last minute decided that he did not want young Nick separated from his family.

That is a problem, obviously.

However, Craig Dye and his father feel this will not be a problem for them, when the time comes.

Young Craig has something else in common with Craig Johnston — he is an excellent competitor.

It is Johnston's drive and competitive spirit which has taken him to the top in England.

When he was here a couple of years ago it was apparent that he did not have a particularly outstanding talent.

He heads well and has a good shot, but the rest of his technique does not bring particular praise.

However, his desire to succeed and will-to-win is very apparent, even from many thousands of miles away via TV.

The years 12 to 15 are very receptive for learning and I expect we will make a big impact during that time, as should be the case with the other nine boys.

I have broken the squad of 10 into two groups of five so that I am able to give them close individual attention.

I am now coaching each morning of the week, purely on skill, then on three evenings, plus the weekend I have the contrasting work of coaching my professional team, Wollongong United.

What more could a coach ask for.

Victoria's top player off to Townsville

Weeks of uncertainty and speculation ended last week when Victorian State League club Juventus transferred 1980 Rothmans Medal winner Bobby McGuinness to Queensland State League club Townsville for \$11,000.

McGuinness played a practice match for Townsville three weeks ago and the club raised the \$11,000 only an hour after advertising for sponsors for the deal in the local newspaper.

But McGuinness was unsure about heading north.

He had been approached by South Melbourne Hellas, Heidelberg and Preston and the thought of returning to PSL soccer was very tempting.

McGuinness had stints, with Sydney City and Hellas before joining Juventus in 1978.

He left Hellas after manager Dave MacIaren told him that he was too small to play in the PSL.

Hellas arranged a trial with Footscray JUST and McGuinness turned up only to find out that JUST coach Cedo Cirkovic knew nothing of the trial.

McGuinness joined Juventus and achieved many major honours. The Rothmans Medal win highlighted his State League career which was further enhanced with last year's leading scorer achievement and recent selection in the Victorian State squad.

McGuinness works with the RACV but will become assistant manager of the Townsville branch of the RACV when he moves to Queensland this weekend.

He played his first game with Townsville last week alongside Cliff Whiteside, bought from Victorian First Division club Slavia for \$5,000. The match was televised live.

"I just got fed up waiting for the Melbourne based PSL clubs to get in touch with me after initial contacts were made," said McGuinness.

"I had a few hassles with some people at Juventus. They wanted me to go because they needed the money so in the end I said all right."

McGuinness signed a one-year contract with a one-year option but has made it clear that if things work out he'll be glad to stay with Townsville for much longer.

Townsville will meet all expenses when McGuinness moves there, permanently along with his girl friend.

Townsville gave serious thought to taking Juventus to court over the McGuinness deal. The Queensland club alleged that a telegram agreement was struck with Juventus which said that upon receipt of the \$11,000 Juventus would release McGuinness immediately.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre was called in to mediate but the matter was resolved when papers clearing McGuinness passed through the VFA last week.

Three weeks ago McGuinness agreed to terms with Townsville but he still had a nagging doubt about whether he should head north and possibly miss out on the chance to sign with a Melbourne based PSL club.

He may not have long to wait before realising his ambition to play PSL soccer again.

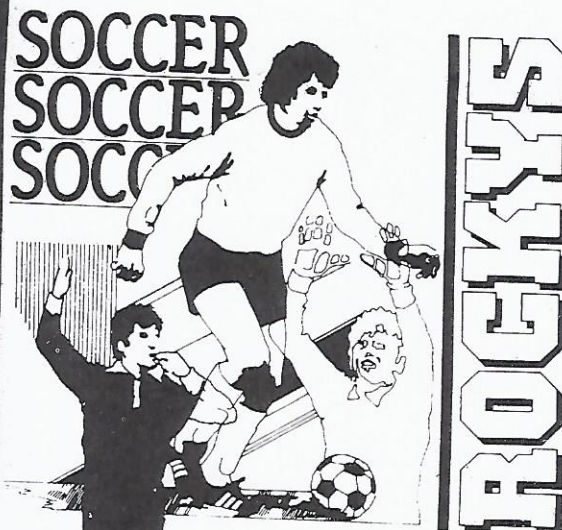
Townsville boasts a fine stadium and sound financial backing. The club recently bought a half share in the main hotel in Townsville.

But McGuinness leaves a lot behind in Melbourne. "I've made a lot of friends here both in and out of the game," he said.

"I'm really sorry to go but I've decided that the time for a move has come at last."

There are many soccer fans in Victoria who will be sorry to see McGuinness go. His diminutive build and great skill made him a popular figure in the stands and he's sure to capture the imagination of the soccer-hungry Townsville supporters.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



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Kiwis: no class, no talent, no hope!

World cup opponent New Zealand a team of world beaters — you've got to be kidding!
All this euphoria about our opponents from the Shaky Isles is a load of old cods wallop.

New Zealand is no better now than it was eight years ago and since then we have eliminated the Kiwis in two World Cup sorties.

The Kiwi is a wingless bird that can't fly. For me the same goes for their international soccer team. Some of the stories that are floating over the Tasman about the brilliant NZ World Cup team are laughable.

I rate it in the same class as the untreated sewerage that is present contaminating the Sydney beaches because of the sewage workers' strike.

The New Zealand propa-

ganda machine is being helped along by one or two people here in Australia who for some reason known only to themselves would like to see the Socceroos defeated.

Like my "Soccer Action" colleague John Warren, it sickens me to see people within the game actually wanting our national team defeated for their own personal and selfish reasons.

Not that this is going to happen, because it's not. By the time April 25 comes around our boys will be firing on all cylinders and ready to cope with the best New Zealand can offer.



TOM ANDERSON

Of this I am sure and after a few weeks in the doldrums most of the national team players are on the way back.

As for the New Zealanders, well let's get them into the proper perspective.

Last week "Soccer Action's" Kiwi representative Mike Cockerill wrote a good piece on the coming clash — NZ orientated, but you've got to accept that.

However, I would like to recall Paul Moon's article in the "Soccer Action" of February 18 when he described his

team's preparations for the coming clash as a "Mickey Mouse affair".

For me, this is more like it.

NZ coach John Adshead has more trouble on his hands over there than Rudi Gutendorf had here after the world tour.

Adshead survived a move to unseat him as national coach and it is no secret that there is a strong feeling within NZ that he is not the man for the job.

His preparation for this game leaves much to be desired

and his results over the past six months are not impressive.

Also it must not be forgotten that two of New Zealand's top players, striker Duncan Ormond and skipper Adrian Elrick, quit the squad after a difference of opinion with Adshead.

So everything in the NZ garden is not as rosy as we are led to believe.

We also have been bombarded with propaganda about the New Zealand World Cup players performing here in the PSL.

Again, let's look at these players and analyse them clinically.

At Canberra we have goalkeeper Richard Wilson and midfielder Duncan Cole.

Wilson is a promising goalkeeper but let's face it — he misses more crosses than he catches, and with Gary Cole and company coming in on top of him he'll certainly drop a few on Anzac Day.

Duncan Cole is a useful midfielder but nothing out of the box; a hard worker with little class.

Adelaide City defender Glen Dods is injured and there's no way he will be 100 percent fit to play on Anzac Day.

The same can be said for the Kiwis' skipper, Steve Sumner, who has a stomach complaint

at Newcastle. A couple of testing tackles will soon find him out if he plays.

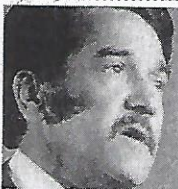
Down at Wollongong there is Clive Campbell, a striker who can be dangerous yet can be quite easily marked out of a game.

The other one is Wollongong striker Glen Turner — who must be as slow as I am, and I stopped playing 10 years ago.

That's the way I see it, despite all the ballyhoo from across the Tasman.

Sure it will be a hard and demanding game in Auckland — it always is and they are always hard to beat over there.

But a big Kiwi win — you're got to be kidding! They just haven't got the class, nor the talent nor the know-how to down our boys.



CHARLIE PERKINS, Aboriginal rights campaigner and deputy secretary of the Aboriginal Affairs Department, was president of Canberra City from 1978 to 1980. He was player-coach of Pan Hellenic in Sydney, and Croatia and Budapest in South Australia where he also captained the State team. He played for Bankstown in Sydney and had a year on trial with Everton in England. Perkins caused a storm last year with a hard-hitting article in "Soccer Action". Since then he has seen no improvement in the game and the administration. In this article he states the problems and offers his solutions....

By CHARLIE PERKINS

We are playing foreign soccer in Australia, as a novelty exercise for the ego of certain officials, and because of ethnic or personal considerations.

We have no ideal of how to connect the game up with Australia as a nation, nor do we have an idea of the Australian way to play.

The people in the game must wake up to the reality that they no longer live in Liverpool. Neither do we live in the U.S., although listening to the marketing people, one would think so.

I propose that the Australian Soccer Federation is out of date and out of touch with the soccer fraternity.

There must be an immediate re-election of ASF personnel and a restructuring of the management of Australian soccer at State and junior levels so that there is a definite line of management throughout the game.

There must be a definite Australian connection in management, so that the junior level can relate to the senior level and to the Australian team.

As for players, we have Australian material right here — good material that should be encouraged and developed. The game must reflect an Australian attitude through such players, rather than present a mirror image of England, Europe or South America.



Danny Moulis — one of the locals lost to Canberra City.

These men are capable of giving the nitty-gritty advice, as opposed to the fluff that comes from elsewhere. They may be able to supply some of the common sense which has been missing in Australian soccer which, at the moment, appears to be running rudderless.

Of course you will argue that this is our greatest year yet. We have the World Cup qualifying games coming up, and possibly a berth in the finals in Spain. Then there's the Coca-Cola Youth Championships — surely a major highlight on our calendar.

Let's enjoy it all while we have it.

However, once it's over, we finally will have to grapple with disturbing reality, we have to pick the game up from the floor, dust it down and hopefully, point it in the right direction at last.

Make no mistake, the bubble will burst with a deafening bang at the end of the year, for we have achieved little in Australian soccer and we are on a downward slide.

We must build from the ground up, instead of from the top down.

As things stand, our chances in the World Cup are nil unless we somehow revitalise the whole team and replace the coach, Rudi Gutendorf, with Rale Rasic!

I have respect for Rudi, and he's a very nice guy, but he has had ample time to achieve much more than he has achieved so far.

Rale Rasic must replace Gutendorf straight away, for Rasic is the best possible coach for the national team.

Make no mistake, were it not for Sir Arthur George, the ASF president, Rasic would still be national coach today, and Rasic must be reappointed despite all the protestations of Sir Arthur.

Surely the top brass in the ASF senses that Australia won't reach the World Cup finals under Gutendorf. Everyone is saying so but no-one's doing anything about it. Don't they realise that the difference between succeeding and failing adds up to about \$400,000 in cold, hard cash?

Rasic has learned his lesson. Last time he was pig-headed. He now is much mellow and more co-operative. He would do the job better than anyone else available — and no-one will deny that World Cup success at the moment, is absolutely essential.

SOCCER ON THE SLIDE, GUTENDORF MUST GO



Rale Rasic (above), should replace Rudi Gutendorf (top), says Charlie Perkins.

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Victorian State League club Juventus has secured a major sponsorship deal from the Nanda company, a pasta manufacturer.

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Juventus has applied to the local council to gain a permit to erect signs at its Gillon Oval headquarters.

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The sponsorship marks the first step in Juventus's plans to return to the success of previous years

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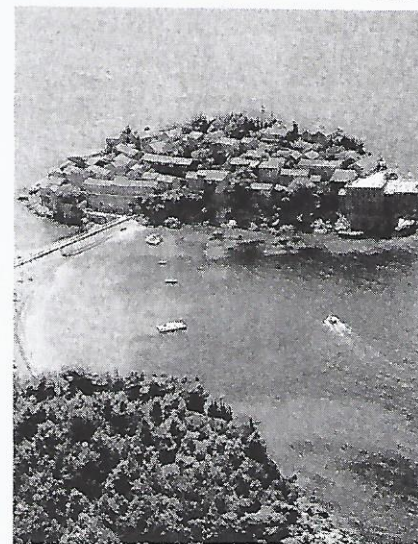
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

FOOTSCRAY 1 (Ilioski) **MARCONI 2** (Sharne, Muir) at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Ilioski (F), 5. Cozzella (F), 4. Byrne (M), 3. Hazabent (F), 2. Degney (M), 1. O'Reilly (F).

HEIDELBERG 1 (Campbell) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0** at Olympic Park. Votes by Craig Mackenzie:

6. Provan (H), 5. Jamieson (SO), 4. Moulis (SO), 3. Oliver (H), 3. Raskopoulos (SO), 1. Jennings (SO).

Leaders:

21. Ollerton (P), Ilioski (F).

19. Hermiston (BL).

18. T. Byrne (Can).

17. Brown (P).

16. Cullen (P).

15. C. Campbell (W), Kosmina (SC).

14. P. Wilkinson (BC), Boyle (WA).

13. Ontong (BL), de Graaf (W), G. Byrne (Mar).

12. Selvage (Black), Maher (Mar), Dunleavy (W), Kafka (L), Drinkwater (New).

11. Buljevic, Evans (SM).

10. Mitchell (AC), Palinkas, Coe (BC), Boden (SC), Adam (W), McClelland (New), P. Wilson (L).

9. Henderson (Mar), Boland (F), Bertogna, Senkalski (New), Muniz (SC), Crook, Tymczyszyn (WA), Djordjevic (Black), Xanthopoulos (SM), Russell (AC).

8. Davidson (SM), Perry (BC), Pezzano (SC), Petrovski (P), Bennett (BL), Reaney (New), Jovanovic (F), Katholos (SO).

Top scorers:

4. Boden (SC).

3. O'Connor (L), Paton (H), Ollerton (P), Christopoulos (SM).

TEST FOR IRISHMEN AND 'GONG STRIKERS

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

It's the battle of the shoestring budgets when Footscray J.U.S.T. and Adelaide City clash at Schintler Reserve on Sunday afternoon.

Neither Footscray coach Cedo Kirkovic nor his Adelaide City counterpart Bob O'Dravi were given much money with which to build their squads for the 1981 PSL season.

They are concentrating upon last year's experienced players and banking on improvement from youngsters like Footscray's Bruno Cuzzello and Paul Simic and Adelaide's David Mitchell and Charlie Villani.

Adelaide City must go into this match expecting to win. Its squad is settled and organised and looks far superior to Footscray on paper.

City sweeper John Perin is in top form and fellow defenders Bobby Russell, David Jones and Bugsy Nyskohus should have little trouble keeping Footscray's two-pronged attack at bay.

I'm amazed at the lack of patience shown by some sections of the soccer press who already are critical of Footscray's two Irish imports Mike McIvor and Jim McLaughlin. You can't win with some people.

Apparently overseas players are expected to fly 10,000 miles to Australia, step off the plane and be stars in their first outing!

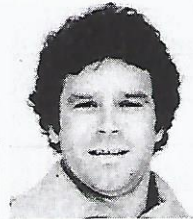
Let's give these two Irishmen time to settle. The critics can sit back and sharpen their knives for another couple of weeks.

But even if McIvor and McLaughlin decide to prove some people wrong, Footscray looks to be doomed at this early stage of the season.

It's not exactly homecoming time for Brisbane City's former Eire international



In form for Adelaide City — Charlie Villani (left) and John Perin.



Jimmy Dunne but the 1980 Bill Fleming Medalist will renew old acquaintances when he lines up against Heidelberg at Olympic Park's main ground on Sunday.

Dunne's Australian career got off to a flying start last year with Victorian State League club Green Gully Ajax. Now he's enjoying the warmth and glamor of playing with Brisbane City in the PSL.

Heidelberg's attack has been severely depleted by the ligament injury sustained by target man Jamie Paton.

Paton is at his best in the box, the place where Heidelberg has been falling down in recent weeks.

The understanding between Paton and Australian international striker Gary Cole was crucial to Heidelberg's attacking effectiveness.

But it's not a case of no Paton, no Cole as some supporters are suggesting, especially since Heidelberg has been reinforced by Irishmen Joe McGrory and Liam Monagle.

Once Heidelberg's internal politics stay at committee level the players and the club will reap rewards.

It's a mystery to me how players of the quality of Jim Tansey, John Yzendoorn, Jim Campbell, Theo Selenidis, Arthur McMillan and Co. could remain on the losing end for so long in the league.

Their pride won't allow matters to further escalate and it shouldn't be long before Heidelberg achieves its rightful place as one of the leading clubs in the country. Fity help Brisbane City if Sunday is the time for the Bergers to get it together.

South Melbourne Hellas travels to Sydney to meet Blacktown Demons on Saturday and Hellas coach John Margaritis probably will come well prepared to beat the Blacktown offside trap which has frustrated a few PSL sides so far.

Blacktown coach Rale Rasic may use his midfielder Stuart Selva to tag Hellas star Jim Shirra and I can't see the Demons really going at their more fancied opponent.

But South Melbourne will have to get accustomed to sides sitting back and going for a point.

Biggest crowd of the round will be at the International Sports Centre where the loser

of the Newcastle v Wollongong clash will fall further behind in the race for the championship.

The match presents Wollongong's talented forwards Clive Campbell, Brian Turner and Peter Tredinnick with their biggest test yet, as they're up against Paul Reaney, Arno Bertogna and Col Curran.

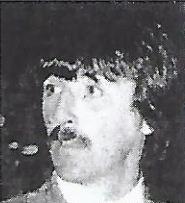
Opposing coaches Alan Vest and Ken Morton are old friends, have a similar view of the game, and know each other's moves. It'll be an interesting tactical battle.



From left: Clive Campbell, Brian Turner, Peter Tredinnick — they'll face the might of Newcastle.



Arthur McMillan



Jimmy Dunne

Critics haven't got a clue

I was blasted from all sides recently over what is claimed to be the "negative" play of my team, Blacktown.

Most of the criticism came after we had held the then PSL leader, Wollongong, to a 1-1 draw at the Wollongong Showgrounds.

And the people who made most of the criticism are best advised to go back and study the game of soccer. It seems to me that they know very little about it.

The critics were unhappy with our well-rehearsed and highly effective offside trap. They called it "boring", "negative", "defensive".

Don't they know that to use the offside trap, you have to play pressure football, you have to move up all the time?

Belgium almost won the European Cup with its offside game.

We caught Wollongong offside at least 25 times near the centre of the field, meaning we were playing in the opposition's half! What's negative about that? Were the scribes simply too upset that their home team hadn't won?

Manchester United is renowned for its offside trap. It entails taking a lot of risks, and it also requires excellent organisation and tactical skill, as well as fitness.

It was stated that the opposing coach was disappointed in our tactics. Instead of grumbling, he should have been more concerned with finding a way through our offside trap. Wollongong, the top team, should have come up with a solution.

The point is that our tactic was successful. We took a point from the league leader. Previously we took a point from another top team, Newcastle. Against Leichhardt we were unfortunate to lose.

There are so many ridiculous contradictions in this game. They call our offside trap negative, yet they say nothing against the teams that purport to stand for "all-out attack" yet use a rigid 4-2 formation and wait for the break.

A lot of this mumbo-jumbo constitutes little more than conning the public.

I previously have suggested soccer seminars for the administrators, journalists, even coaches, who live in the past. Perhaps it's time to renew that call.

I spoke about the pressure that has been put on John Kosmina by all the publicity surrounding him since his move from West Adelaide to Sydney City, and indeed, Kosmina fared poorly when put on trial by national coach Rudi Gutendorf recently.

Now we have a similar case in Sebastian Giampaolo.

Suddenly, after a singularly unsuccessful year with Canberra City, Giampaolo joins Leichhardt and, after being unsighted for the first half, is hailed on the basis of a good second half, as the possible saviour of our national team.

Not one, not two, not three, but every single newspaper raved about Giampaolo as some sort of superman because he performed well in the second half of the match against Newcastle.

A star is born, they wrote, going even to the extent of comparing him with Craig Johnston.



Eddie Krncevic



RALE RASIC

No doubt Giampaolo has talent, and perhaps the depth of his true talent has been unrecognized so far, but Giampaolo has little chance to show what he can do if he has to live up to unreasonable expectations created by the Press.

I sympathise with Giampaolo the most. He knows himself that he gave little at Canberra, otherwise the club would not have sold him. Undoubtedly he wants to make up for it, so let's get out of his way and let him do it, without all this pressure.

If Giampaolo is a superman after 45 minutes in Sydney, I wonder if Joe Piccione will gain comparable stature with Marconi next weekend.

Eddie Krncevic was the hero of the national team after its tour of China in late 1979. Now, in the eyes of many, he's on the scrapheap.

Krncevic has had a rough year. His personal problems have been aired in public by the Press and Rudi Gutendorf, and as far as I can make out, he has not been given the type of encouragement he needs to return to his best.

He needs a lift. What he doesn't need is to be continually embarrassed and embarrassed.

He was the idol of all coaches — Gutendorf more than anyone else — and he can be Australia's most valuable player once again — hopefully in time for the World Cup match against New Zealand.

He needs the right encouragement, and he needs a few goals under his belt.

Let's all get behind him. He can do it, and we need him to do it.

I was a little envious to read that Preston Makedonia is to get former Crystal Palace and Everton player Alan Whittle.

I saw him in action for Palace against Peterborough a few years ago, and he had an absolutely brilliant game. He played out wide, he was very fast, very creative and I think he scored that day as well.

Good luck to you, Makedonia, but be careful, Blacktown's working on a few things as well...



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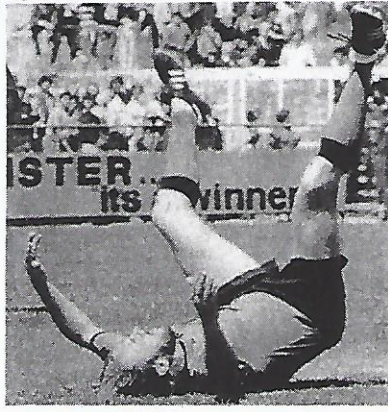
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The "Soccer Action" goalkeeper of the year will receive a Seiko watch from Konstantine Jewel Box, Melbourne.

The winner will be the goalkeeper who has appeared most often in the "Soccer Action" team of the week.

Because only two PSL matches were played last weekend there is no top goalkeeper of the week.



The two leaders in the 'Soccer Action' — JAT Player of the year award in contrasting poses. Preston Macedonia striker Peter Orlerton (top) is down but not out. Footscray J.U.S.T. libero Zoran Ilioski (bottom) surges forward.

Heidelberg 1 Syd. Olympic 0

Scorer: Campbell
Ground: Olympic Park
Crowd: 4,637
Referee: David Velland 9
Cautions: McMillan (H)

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7 - McMillan 6, Yzendoorn 6, Provan 8, Yankos 6 - Selamidis 6, Taylor 5, Rooney 6 - Cole 5, Campbell 6, Boziskas 5.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7 - Moulis 7, Rowden 6, Ziras 6, Palmer 6 - Katholos 6, Raskopoulos 7, Jamieson 8 (Cross 59th) - Leing 6, Koussas 6, Jennings 7.

Tommy Docherty claimed after the match that Olympic had been the only team trying to play football. That may be so but Olympic's attempt failed and Heidelberg was just as bad.

Olympic wasn't the big loser here. It was the fans who were silly enough to pay four dollars at the gate.

Heidelberg opened its 1981 PSL winning account thanks to a mistake in the 22nd minute from Olympic keeper Gary Meier who missed his punch when trying to clear a near post corner. The ball hit the head of a surprised Jim Campbell and glanced into the back of the Olympic goal.

Both sides opened cautiously. In the 10th minute Heidelberg's first dangerous forward thrust came when Andy Boziskas sent Gary Cole through. Cole tried to square the ball to Campbell but Meier intercepted.

Big Bob Provan, the best man on the park, made two timely tackles as Heidelberg



Craig Mackenzie

MATCH RATING:

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almost got caught out on the break.

From one of these the ball ran loose and Peter Raskopoulos let fly with a fierce shot which Jeff Oliver tipped onto the bar and over.

Denny Moulis was the only full back on either side consistently overlapping. From one such overlap he cut the

ball back to Alex Jamieson who blasted over from the edge of the area.

An Arthur McMillan free kick into the area was headed down by Theo Selamidis to the feet of Campbell. He turned well but shot into the side netting.

In the 53rd minute Meier's reflexes denied Cole who helped Jim Rooney's shot on its way.

One minute later Olympic should have equalised.

Charlie Yankos completely misjudged a high ball to the far post, Derek Laing chested down but hesitated in a good shooting position. John Yzendoorn was quick to close Laing and the ball was scrambled clear.

A long through ball by Raskopoulos sent Graham Jennings away down the left but rather than shoot he tried to

set up Koussas but his cut back was intercepted.

Cole's one great run came in the 78th minute when Yzendoorn sent him away. Cole shrugged off Ian Rowden's challenge, tapped the ball to one side of Jim Ziras and ran around the other. He was left with the goal at his mercy but Meier was quickly off his line and smothered well.

Peter Katholos blasted over from 15 metres and three minutes later he played a good one-two with Raskopoulos but shot low, straight at Oliver.

Right on time Katholos put Raskopoulos through but he had to slide down under pressure and his shot went wide.

Referee Yelland gave the onlookers respite when he blew for time before Oliver could take the goal kick resulting from Raskopoulos's miss.

The new-look Marconi comes stumbling back

Footscray 1 Marconi 2

Goals, Marconi: Sharne 62nd, Muir 80th; Footscray: Ilioski 71st.

Ground: Schintler Reserve, Footscray.

Crowd: About 2000.

Referee: Jim Fearn 9.

Cautions: Hazabent (F).

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 7 - Ilioski 8 - Milne 7, (inj. sub. Vasic 63rd), Kyriakoulas 7, O'Reilly 7, Hazabent 8 - McIvor 5 (Petrov 6, half time), Sinic 5, Curovic 6 - Kakantonis 6, Cozzella 8.

MARCONI: Maher 5 - Degney 7, Henderson 7, Muir 6, Prskalo 6 - Byrne 8, Hous-

sein 6, Colusso 5 - Sharne 5, Krncevic 6, Jankovics 6.

Marconi battled hard to recapture some of its lost prestige in beating Footscray JUST at Schintler Reserve.

But it was an unimpressive performance by Marconi whose forwards, especially Peter Sharne, were outplayed by the four Footscray defence for most of the match.

Footscray, as usual, cast itself as the underdog, content to hold on for a draw.

It almost did so even though Marconi took the lead in the 62nd minute through Peter Sharne who was eclipsed for the rest of the game by Igor Hazabent.

Footscray replied with one of the finest goal scored in



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING:

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the league this season. It came from Zoran Ilioski who struck the ball perfectly from 30 metres just under the crossbar.

But although Footscray continued to win an equal share of play Marconi managed to take

advantage of its edge in height when Eddie Krncevic and Jim Muir combined for Muir to head the winning goal 10 minutes from the end.

But Footscray took the points for discipline and application.

Forward Bruno Cozzella was the model of those qualities.

In a match that featured no breathtaking individual performances Cozzella surely was the most hard-working player on the field, and Ilioski played well as sweeper and later in midfield.

For Marconi Gary Byrne played his usual efficient match in midfield and Paul Degney did well enough in his return to right back.

Jim O'Reilly was recalled for this match because of five Footscray absences.

Joe Piccione was on Marconi's bench after having been transferred during the week, Stobdan Jovanovic and Jim McLaughlin were injured, Vlatko Belle was ill and captain Jim Kondarios is in dispute with the club over the terms of his contract.

Considering these handicaps facing Footscray, Marconi had been expected to win much more easily, particularly since the midfield was strengthened by Hussein Housseini who was transferred from Sydney Olympic during the week in a swap for Peter Raskopoulos.

The defence also was supposed to be stronger, with Tony Henderson in the sweeper's position, and previous sweeper Ivo Prskalo as left back.

But for all its skill and experience Marconi had to rely mainly on luck to score its goals, and showed few ideas in trying to combat Footscray's marking and pressing.

Certainly it did not match Footscray in pure hard work.

Footscray played it smart. Its five defenders always stayed well back to reduce space available to the fast Marconi forwards.

But Footscray must act quickly to strengthen its team. It has lost Joe Piccione and probably Jim Kondarios.

Zdravko Lujic should be back from Yugoslavia in May. He will help, but much more talent is required.

Steve Archibald leads scorers

Leading scorers in English League soccer after weekend matches:

DIVISION ONE

24 - Steve Archibald (Tottenham)
21 - John Wark (Ipswich)
20 - Mick Robinson (Brighton)
18 - Garth Crooks (Tottenham), Justin Fashanu (Norwich), Steve Moran (Southampton), Garry Shaw (Aston Villa).

DIVISION TWO

23 - David Cross (West Ham),
20 - Malcolm Poskett (Watford),
18 - Mick Harford (Newcastle - 15 for Lincoln).

17 - Dave Moss and Brian Stein (both Luton).

DIVISION THREE

27 - Tony Kelow (Exeter).

23 - David Kemp (Plymouth)
22 - Alan Birch (Chesterfield), Derek Hales (Charlton).

DIVISION FOUR

24 - Alan Cork (Wimbledon)
23 - Robbie Cooke (Peterborough)
22 - Alan Walsh (Darlington)
20 - Jim Lumby (Mansfield - 18 for Tranmere), Derek Spence (Southend).

Readymix backs Monaro for title



Joe Arquerio

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Queanbeyan soccer club Monaro will be sponsored in the NSW State League for the 1981 season by concrete suppliers, The Readymix Group (NSW) Limited.

Readymix will be sponsoring Monaro for the third successive season since the club entered the State League in 1978.

Announcing the sponsorship Mr Barry McDonald, for Readymix, had this to say: "Readymix is proud to continue its association with the Monaro Soccer Club, first started in 1979."

"I have been impressed with the club's performance over the past couple of seasons, both on the playing field and on the administrative side. In fact, I recommend to my Board that this year's sponsorship amount be increased. I am happy to say the Board agreed."

As well as the increased cash sponsorship, Readymix will assist in promotional activities as well as provide training and playing equipment for the club.

Secretary of Monaro, Mr Tony Reale, said that the club was very grateful to Readymix for its continued support.

"It is not easy to obtain sponsorship in these difficult times so we are certainly happy to be associated with a company of Readymix's standing."

Mr Reale also said that he saw Readymix's sponsorship of Monaro as a vote of confidence in the playing, coaching and administrative personnel of the club.

The 1981 season will be a "steady as she goes" year for Monaro with only a few changes in both the administration and playing staff.

The major change of course is Frank Maccarone, coach for the past four

seasons who has stepped down and been replaced by Joe Arquerio.

Although he may not be well known in Sydney, Arquerio is no stranger to Monaro fans and the local soccer people generally.

As a player he was one of the best midfielders ever seen in the district and for many years played alongside Frank Maccarone with Canberra club Juventus. In the later stages of his playing career Arquerio also was coached by Maccarone and the two have been close friends ever since their playing days.

This will be Arquerio's second stint as Monaro coach. He last had the side in 1976 before going back to his home country, Spain, temporarily. Ironically he was replaced by Maccarone who has held the post ever since.

In that 1976 season, Arquerio took Monaro to second place in the A.C.T. Football League, being pipped for the title only on goal difference by Juventus, then coached by Frank Maccarone.

Maccarone now holds a position on the Monaro Committee which also includes Tony Reale, Mario Binetti, John Chiera, Mario Donda, Orazio Presutti, Joe Chiera, Paris Pangalos and Eddie Terrible.

Monaro has retained most of the squad from last year on two year contracts. These include captain Bob Noble, Nick Antonopoulos, Aldo Charles, Gerald Crawford, Tony Falzon, Luis Salgado, Chris O'Neill, Ally Link, Mauro Valeri and Ian Heywood.

The club also acquired midfielder Joe Arquerio 21, son of the coach, from Canberra City for a transfer fee of \$1500 and defender Mark Francis, 20, also from Canberra City for a fee of \$2000.

Another youngster to join the club is A.C.T. representative goal-keeper Gino Caputo, 19, from Belconnen United, where he was the first team goalkeeper last year.

Midfielders Alan Bourke and Peter Lawler have asked for a transfer to which the club agreed.

Bourke was placed on the market for \$5000. He appealed to the NSW Federation and the figure was reduced to \$4000. Peter Lawler was placed on the transfer list at his own request even though he still has a year to run on his contract. Lawler is likely to be sold to A.C.T. champion Downer-Olympic.

Another player on the transfer list is midfielder-striker Tony Morsello, 22 years old. Last season Morsello was loaned to APIA. At the end of the season, Monaro placed Morsello on the transfer list for \$15,000. The player appealed to the Federation and the appeal was heard on Tuesday 22 January. The result was that his transfer fee was reduced to \$12,500.

Another Monaro player who has been training with APIA, John Santolin, has returned to Queanbeyan after negotiations came to nothing.

Monaro will not be making any more purchases for the 1981 season as it has a number of young players with the potential to make an impact in First Grade.

The club is pinning a lot of hope in 17 year old Ray Colbertaldo and 18 year old Reg Sheridan. These two young strikers have been performing well in pre-season trial matches.

The club is looking to go one better than last season, when it finished fifth, and clinch a top four position in the competition. However, secretary Tony Reale concedes that it will not be easy.

"I believe that this season's State League will be one of the most competitive for many years. There are a lot of good teams and even the ones who always seem to struggle are improving their standard every year", he said.

Best so far

The all-star PSL line-up according to votes cast in the "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines best player award, so far:

| MAHER (Marconi) | | | |
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| ONTONG (Brisb. L) | ILIOSKI (Foots) | DUNLEAVY (Woll.) | DAVIDSON (Sth Melb) |
| BYRNE (Marconi) | BOYLE (W. Adel) | BROWN (Preston) | |
| CULLEN (Preston) | KOSMINA (Syd. C.) | CAMPBELL (Woll.) | |

To the editor...

SIR — All soccer supporters must be amazed about your "collapsing" claims by Charlie Perkins. If you were so eager to make this news you did an excellent job. If you must put out this gloom would you please take it off the front page. A good salesman never rubbishes a product he's trying to sell. You must be God's gift to the VFL. How they must enjoy the downgrading of soccer.

In anyone's reasoning 1981 must be the new era for soccer in this country.

— PETER CHARLESWORTH
Oliver's Hill, Vic

Brazil home

RIO DE JANEIRO, — Brazil qualified for the 1982 World Cup finals when it beat Bolivia 3-1 to win South American qualifying group one.

Halftime score was 1-0.

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Newcastle 'pathetic'

CANBERRA 2 (Valeri 2) NEWCASTLE KB 1 (Mountford) at Bruce Stadium, Phillips Cup first round.

CANBERRA: Wilson 8, M. O'Shea 7, Cole 8, J. O'Shea 7, Stark 8, R. O'Shea 7, Byrne 9, Farrell 8, MacLaren 7 (Massa 75th), Brennan 8, Valeri 8.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Rooney 8, Sankalski 7, Bertogno 9, Drinkwater 7, Mason 7, Jones 67th, Curran 7, Sneddon 39th, Kamasz 7, Buckley 7, Mountford 7, MacCalland 8.

Ref: Tim Davies, Sydney. **Crowd:** 3025.

Weather: Fine, windy.

Canberra, back to its fighting best, totally eclipsed a lack-lustre Newcastle to win their Phillips Cup first round tie 2-1 in Canberra last Sunday.

From this scribe's point of view it was the worst performance given by Newcastle in the national capital.

And their coach, Alan Vest, echoed my sentiments.

"We were pathetic," was his brutally frank comment.

"There's no other way to describe our performance. I was upset because I prided myself on having a side that always gave commitment."

"No such commitment existed today."

Vest was deadly accurate — and could have added that Newcastle lacked a midfield.

It was their weakness in the middle that allowed Canberra to mount attacks in waves.

"Thank God for Canberra's poor finishing and Phil Dando's adeptness," said Vest.

"It could easily have been five or six."

Before the game Canberra's



Peter Windsor

coach George Murray said that this was Cup tie soccer and that it would be total commitment to attack and a positive result.

"No-one wants to win on penalties," he said.

Canberra began the better, took control early and never lost it.

They were quicker to the ball and showed better fundamental footballing skills.

Yet they squandered chances.

Newcastle's home-grown product David Kamasz was first in with a chance after a solid run down the right flank only to hit his cross wide.

Then Canberra continued when Tony Brennan found co-striker Walter Valeri with a perfect lob but shot just inches wide.

Sixty seconds later Tony Brennan put Don MacLaren through but the wee Scottish forward's final shot was weak and ineffective.

Against the run of play it was Newcastle — through opportunism and loose marking — that hit the front.

Ian Buckley made a fine run, saw striker Bob Mountford unmarked and found him neatly. Mountford took the chance well and his shot squeezed in after cannoning off the post.

But full marks to Canberra for not panicking. They kept playing football.

The reward finally came just three minutes into the second half.

The Arrows were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the box which New Zealand international Duncan Cole pulled back to Walter Valeri whose shot thundered through a packed defence and into the left hand corner.

Minutes later Robert O'Shea burst through only to have Dando make a brilliant save.

It was one-way traffic yet as the minutes ticked away one wondered if Canberra would again find the net.

Brennan, having a fine game, did the essential preparatory work.

The dark-skinned striker made a run to finally square the ball to Valeri a mere 10 yards from the goal.

Valeri didn't miss and tucked away a shot into the corner.

Canberra deserved the victory.

"The only time I was worried was in the last 10 minutes when the defence was somewhat sloppy," said coach George Murray.

Understandably he was a happy man at the result — but worried at the shortage of quality players he now has available.

"Wilson and Cole leave for New Zealand and their World Cup campaign in a fortnight."

"But I hope the first of my Scottish signings will arrive today (Wednesday) or tomorrow," said Murray.

"I want him on the park in Sydney on Sunday against Marconi."

That signing is 28-year-old former Scottish international Ian Purdie an attacking midfielder whom Murray rates highly.

After recovering from an injury which at one stage threatened to sideline him for months, Crook has further enhanced his

reputation with a series of scintillating performances.

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A show for Scheinflug

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Mitchell 22nd, 55th, Villani 35th) KINGSWAY OLYMPIC (Perth) 0. Referee: Bobby Kerr, Phillips Cup second round at Hindmarsh, crowd 6328.



Meno Toutsidis

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 (Paresini) - Russell 8, Jones 7 (Miller), B. Nyskolus 8 - Perin 8, Marocchi 7, J. Nyskolus 7 - Mitchell 9, Rankin 7, Buch 7 (Signore).

KINGSWAY OLYMPIC: Drury 7 - Callaghan 7, Terpos 7, Schrandt 7, Watt 7 - Hill 7 (Hasebroek) - Skeets 8, Sharp 8 - Dundo 7, Garvey 7, Brynjulsson 6 (Cooke).

Big striding David Mitchell is rapidly emerging as the Youth Soccerers' top striker.

Indeed, Mitchell, 19, cannot

to have Olympic's measure in a match which was virtually over after 55 minutes.

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Germany 6 games away from record

WEST GERMANY wasn't far off football history before its double upset in the Gold Cup/Mundialito in Uruguay.

That 23-game unbeaten run since Jupp Derwall had taken over in the autumn of 1978 had taken them within striking distance of the two all-time best national team sequences.

The most famous one was the Hungarian record. From June 4, 1950, when the Magyars beat Poland 5-2, until June 30, 1954, when they beat Uruguay 4-2 in the 1954 World Cup semi-finals, they played 29 games without defeat (W 25, D 4, For 129, Agst 32).

Within one game of that record were Brazil in the early 1970s. Between March 1970 and June 1973 — under Mario Zagalo — they played 28 games without defeat (W 22, D 6, For 63, Agst 19).

Interesting to note how, in 20 years, the goal-scoring rate of a top international side dropped so dramatically! Another point of difference between the Hungarians and Derwall's Germans was the time span — emphasising the massive increase in international competition. The Hungarians' record was amassed in just over four years — the Derwall run in half that time.

The 1-4 loss to Brazil in the Mundialito was West Germany's worst defeat since losing to France by 6-3 in the third-place match in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden. A lot has been written and said since about the European champions' debacle in South America. As usual, the truth is to be found in the middle. If Argentina had not staged their unexpected revival in the last five minutes, the Germans would have had something to play for against Brazil. Who knows how they would have approached that game if a draw or a win meant a place in the final?

There were stories of nights out in Montevideo involving the players, of disregard for the curfew, or the instructions of team manager Jupp Derwall. Be that as it may, some of the players obviously did not behave as is expected of responsible international footballers.

Of course, it was ironic that at the time when West Germany's national team was rated number one in the world, they should suffer two such painful defeats. In the annual poll conducted by the well-known international sports agency ISK, West Germany were ranked first in the world, followed by the Soviet Union and Italy (both unbeaten in ten and twelve matches respectively in 1980) with Argentina fourth, Brazil sixth and Uruguay, the winners of the Mundialito only 13th!

Manager Derwall wants to study South American football closer. He has arranged a tour for February 1982 with matches against Brazil and Paraguay. The Brazilians will incidentally play West Germany during their forthcoming European tour in May, in Stuttgart.

The search for a new 'libero' is still Derwall's priority. With Stielike and Schuster in Spain and not always available for selection, the media and the fans are clamouring for the reinstatement of Franz Beckenbauer. How tricky this problem has become, is evident from the discussions which took place before the first engagement in Uruguay.

Bernard Dietz, the captain, and Manfred Kaltz were sounded out as possible sweepers.

Finally it was decided to entrust Rainer Bonhof with the post. He was quite pleased with his performance, for others weren't, but no one regarded it as a solution for the future. Bonhof was the ninth 'libero' tried by the Germans since Beckenbauer "defected" to the USA in 1977. Kaltz, Schwarzenbeck, Tenhagen, Zewe, Cullmann, Stielike, Niedermayer and Schuster were all tested with differing results.

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SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD



Eintracht Frankfurt's South Korean forward **Chu Bum Kuen** (right) intercepts before the ball reaches Utrecht midfielder **Ben Rietveld** in a UEFA Cup match. **Chu Bum Kuen** is Korea's big hope in its World Cup series against Malaysia, Kuwait, Thailand and Iran next month.

SCHUSTER HITS OUT AT CRUYFF

Bernd Schuster refused to pose with Johan Cruyff for photographers at Barcelona Airport. Schuster is still upset at the way Cruyff treated Hans Weisweller now Schuster's boss at Cologne — when Weisweller was Barcelona coach. Schuster claims Cruyff influenced Weisweller's sacking and says he has no respect for the Dutch star now with Levante in Spain.

John McEnroe might have been a soccer star instead of a tennis ace. At 16 he captained New York's exclusive Trinity School to two league championships and also was voted the most valuable player in the league two years running. But his dad decided on tennis for John.

One of Argentina's most famous club sides River Plate had five players sent off in its match with Argentine Juniors as well as being beaten 2-1. River Plate retains the backbone of Argentina's World Cup-winning side including Daniel Passarella. At full back is Alberto Tarantini who had a season with Birmingham City.

Top Belgium side Anderlecht, well clear at the top of the league, may see its title hopes vanish for contravening regulations. Rivals Berchem have accused Anderlecht of playing Spanish Juan Lozano who joined from the defunct Washington Diplomats claiming he is ineligible. Anderlecht won 11 points since Lozano joined and lead by eight.

Mario Kempes, the star of Argentina's 1978 World Cup side who has been dropped from the Valencia of Spain side is wanted back home by

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

River Plate. But a \$4 million fee which Valencia wants is out of the question.

Norwich City splashed out \$350,000 for Arsenal defender Steve Walford who also saw service with Spurs. And 33-year-old Norwich defender Tony Powell has been freed to permit him to sign for San Jose Earthquakes. Nottingham Forest, Bolton and Newcastle United have all been fined \$2000 each by the Football Association for displaying adverts on their shirts during F.A. Cup matches.

Cardiff City with an overdraft of \$1,500,000 and outstanding debts of \$500,000 for ground improvements, has been absorbed as a subsidiary of the Tyneside engineering firm Kenton Utilities Group through Bob Crogan, the chairman. The take-over relieves the club of its overdraft and debts and Cardiff has been given three years to pay its way or else.

The "naughty boy" of Hungarian football, Andras Torocsik, is in trouble again.

He was involved in a car accident on New Year's Eve while under the influence of drink, and to add to his problems, his driving licence was out of order. Although the accident happened a few days before the national squad's get-together he was banned immediately from joining the other international players, and wasn't even allowed to



travel abroad with his club Ujpest Dozsa.

As Torocsik is the one shining star in the Hungarian forward-line, his loss is a severe blow to national team manager, Kalman Meszoly, who already had plenty to worry about before the Argentinian tour. Apart from Torocsik's indiscretion, the preparations were quite successful, and eventually, the following 19 players took the plane to South America: Katiz, Meszaros, Szanto, Kerek, Garaba, Kerek, Kardos, J. Toth, Peter, Csapo, Zombori, Dajka, Pastor, Tatar, Kiss, Bodonyi, Nyilasi, Esterhazy, Poloskel.

A team in Spain has the rather indicative name of Arce & Potti. No, they're not on the bottom of the ladder...

Nottingham Forest has brought Norwegian international central defender Jan Einar Aas, from hard up Bayern Munich for a modest \$310,000. Aas, 25, had a trial with Arsenal earlier in the season and is looked on as a successor to Larry Lloyd now player-manager of Wigan. Tampa Bay Rowdies went unsettled under 21 England forward Vince Hilar, but Rowdies boss Gordon Jago, ex-Queens Park Rangers and Millwall manager, will want to pay less than the Crystal Palace price of \$100,000.

Archie Gemmill, the 33-year-old Birmingham City and Scotland international captain, may be struggling to get his place in Scotland's World Cup match with Northern Ireland at Hampden Park, Glasgow on March 25. Gemmill is presently out of action through an injury sustained in Scotland's win over Israel in Tel Aviv and there could be strong claims for Aas Hartford.

ASIA WATCH

Iraq in top form,

Chinese still rise

Iraq maintains its excellent form among nations in the Asian region, with two 3-0 victories over neighboring Jordan, while South Korea crashed 0-4 to Mexico in Mexico.

By way of contrast, Australia drew 2-2 and 1-1 with the Mexicans in Sydney and Melbourne last year, and New Zealand thrashed them 4-0.

China continues to climb up the Asia Watch ladder with solid results.

Asia Watch includes all results by teams in the Asia-Pacific region since January 1980.

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| 2 | (3) Tahiti | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 8 | 75.0 | |
| 3 | (4) N. Caledonia | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 12 | 67.5 | |
| 4 | (5) Kuwait | 15 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 28 | 13 | 73.3 | |
| 5 | (6) Iran | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 20 | 71.4 | |
| 6 | (7) Malaysia | 15 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 21 | 70.0 | |
| 7 | (11) China | 14 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 30 | 18 | 67.8 | |
| 8 | (12) Nth Korea | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 12 | 64.2 | |
| 9 | (12) Nth Korea | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 37 | 22 | 61.1 | |
| 10 | (8) Japan | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 7 | 61.0 | |
| 11 | (9) Singapore | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 13 | 54.6 | |
| 12 | (13) N. Zealand | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 50.0 | |
| 13 | (14) Libya | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50.0 | |
| 14 | (15) Australia | 17 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 36 | 28 | 46.1 | |
| 15 | (16) U.A.E. | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 44.4 | |
| 16 | (17) Thailand | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 41.6 | |
| 17 | (18) Fiji | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 40.0 | |
| 18 | (1) Hong Kong | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 40.0 | |
| 19 | (19) Brunei | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 40.0 | |
| 20 | (20) Syria | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 18 | 10 | 38.5 | |
| 21 | (21) Israel | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 37.5 | |
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| 26 | (27) Jordan | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 18.6 | |
| 27 | (28) Bahrain | 9 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 18 | 3 | 16.6 | |
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January: Australia v Czechoslovakia 0-4, Australia v Czechoslovakia 0-5, Australia v Czechoslovakia 2-2.

February: New Caledonia v Australia 0-4, Papua New Guinea v Australia 2-1, New Hebrides v Australia 0-1, Tahiti v Australia 2-4, New Caledonia v Fiji, Fiji v Solomon Islands 3-1, Papua New Guinea v New Hebrides 4-3, New Hebrides v New Hebrides 3-1, Tahiti v New Zealand 3-1, Fiji v New Zealand 4-0, Tahiti v Solomon Islands 3-0, Fiji v Tahiti 3-4, New Zealand v Solomon Islands 4-0, New Caledonia v Papua New Guinea 0-8, Singapore v Sri Lanka 1-4, India v India 1-4, North Korea v Iran 1-4, Singapore v India 1-4, China v Iran 2-2, North Korea v Sri Lanka 1-0, United Arab Emirates (UAE) v Jordan 1-1, UAE v Poland 1-0, Mexico v South Korea 0-1, Sri Lanka v Sri Lanka 1-1, Sri Lanka v Poland 1-0, Mexico v South Korea 0-1, New Zealand v South Korea 0-1.

March: Singapore v Iran 0-3, China v North Korea 1-1, India v Sri Lanka 4-0, Singapore v North Korea 3-1, China v Sri Lanka 7-4, Iran v India 2-4, Malaysia v China 1-1, Iran v Jordan 4-0, Kuwait v Syria 1-0, Yemen v Jordan 2-1, Iraq v Kuwait 1-0, Yemen v Kuwait 1-5, Syria v Jordan 2-4, Syria v Yemen 2-4, Iraq v Kuwait 0-0, Iraq v Yemen 0-0, Kuwait v Jordan 1-0, Iraq v Kuwait 2-3 (Olympic qualifying final), Malaysia v Indonesia 6-1, South Korea v Japan 3-1, Brunei v Philippines 2-4, Indonesia v Brunei 2-4, Japan v Philippines 1-0, Malaysia v South Korea 3-0, Philippines v South Korea 0-5, Malaysia v Brunei 3-1, Japan v Indonesia 2-0, Malaysia v Japan 1-1, Indonesia v Philippines 4-0, Brunei v South Korea 0-3, Singapore v China 1-0, Iran v Sri Lanka 1-4, North Korea v India 2-1, Singapore v Iran 1-1 (Olympic qualifying final), Israel v Northern Ireland 0-0, Israel v Northern Ireland 0-0.

April: Japan v Brunei 2-1, Philippines v Malaysia 0-5, South Korea v Indonesia 1-0, Malaysia v South Korea 2-1 (Olympic qualifying final).

June: Sweden v Israel 1-1, Australia v Northern Ireland 1-2, Australia v Northern Ireland 1-1, Australia v Northern Ireland 1-2, Poland v Iraq 3-0 Australia v England 1-2.

July: Kuwait v Nigeria 3-1, Kuwait v Colombia 1-1, Kuwait v Czechoslovakia 0-0, Kuwait v USSR 1-2, Syria v Algeria 0-3, Syria v Spain 0-0, Syria v East Germany 0-5, Iran v Costa Rica 3-0, Iran v Finland 0-0, Iraq v Yugoslavia 1-1, Iraq v East Germany 0-0, Kuwait v South Korea 0-5, United Arab Emirates v Thailand 2-0, UAE v Thailand 1-1.

August: New Zealand v Mexico 4-0, Australia v Mexico 2-2, Australia v Mexico 1-1, Fiji v Mexico 0-2.

September: Canada v New Zealand 4-0, South Korea v Malaysia 2-0, Indonesia v Thailand 2-1, South Korea v Thailand 4-0, Indonesia v Bahrain 3-2, South Korea v Indonesia 3-0, Bahrain v Malaysia 1-0, Thailand v Bahrain 1-0, Thailand v Malaysia 4-1, South Korea v Bahrain 5-0, South Korea v Indonesia 2-0 (President Park's Cup final).

Seventh Asian Cup Tournament in Kuwait: Kuwait v UAE 1-1, Kuwait v Malaysia 1-1, South Korea v Malaysia 1-1, UAE v Qatar 1-2, Qatar v South Korea 1-0, South Korea v UAE 2-0, South Korea v Kuwait 3-0, Malaysia v Qatar 1-1, South Korea v UAE 4-1, Kuwait v Qatar 4-0, North Korea v Bangladesh 2-1, Iran v Syria 0-0, North Korea v China 2-1, Syria v Bangladesh 1-0, China v Iran 2-2, Iran v Bangladesh 7-0, Syria v China 1-0, Iran v North Korea 3-2, China v Bangladesh 5-0, North Korea v Syria 2-1, Kuwait v Iran 2-1 (semi-final), North Korea v South Korea 1-2 (semi-final), North Korea v Iran 0-3 (third place play-off), Kuwait v South Korea 0-0.

November: Singapore v Morocco 0-1, Greece v Australia 1-1, Libya v UAE 1-1, Israel v Australia 0-1, Hong Kong v Australia 1-0, Indonesia v Australia 1-1.

December: Hong Kong v China 0-1, North Korea v Macao 3-0, Singapore v Japan 0-1, China v Macao 3-0, Hong Kong v Singapore 1-1, China v Japan 1-0, Singapore v North Korea 0-1, Hong Kong v North Korea 2-2, Japan v Macao 2-0, North Korea v Japan 1-0, China v Hong Kong 0-0 (China won on penalties 5-4), China v North Korea 4-2 (all World Cup qualifying matches).

February: Jordan v Iraq 0-2, Jordan v Iraq 0-2, Mexico v South Korea 4-0.

WHERE'S FRANK HAFEEY?

Our European correspondent Jim Cook is eager to hear from Frank Haffey, the former Sydney City and St George goalkeeper. Cook says the matter is very important. So if you're reading this, Frank, you can contact CPK at 10 St Dominic's Drive, Brandon, Suffolk, IP27 0DG, England.

The West takes firm grip on European Cup

Western Europe celebrated after last week's European cup which saw Eastern bloc clubs slumping to the might of the West.

Bank Ostrava scored an early goal. The Czechs, also scored a late one, but between times the West Germans hit four in 26 minutes to settle the match.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Dinamo Tbilisi of the USSR, completed victory over England's West Ham — although it lost at home on the night to a late goal from Stuart Pearson. The 4-1 first-leg win in London was decisive.

Dinamo was joined in the semi-finals by Dutch club Feyenoord, 4-0 winners over Slavia Sofia, Portugal's Benfica, which beat Fortuna Duesseldorf by Chalana's goal two minutes from time

and the East Germans of Carl Zeiss Jena. Lothar Kurbjuweit's lone goal shattered the giant-killing dreams of Newport, which plays in the English Third Division but had drawn 2-2 in Jena.

Liverpool and Bayern Munich, adding wins in Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia respectively, to solid first-leg victories at home, survived much as predicted.

But Inter-Milan, whose 1-1 draw in Italy offered small hope of success against a Red Star Belgrade reinforced by 75,000 local Yugoslav fans, pulled off the shock win of the night.

Carlo Muraro's 11th minute goal, hit from outside the penalty box, settled the issue despite fierce second half pressure in which Red Star hit the bar and missed tempting chances.

In Sofia, an early goal by David Johnson, fit after missing the English League Cup Final Saturday, took Inter-Milan's margin over the Dutch

rian host, CSKA, to five. Ray Clemence saved Plamen Markov's late penalty to keep the aggregate at 6-1.

EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg. — Bank Ostrava (Czech) 2-2, Bayern Munich (W. Ger.) 4 Bayern won 6-2 on agg.; CSKA Sofia (Bulg.) 0, Liverpool (Eng.) 1 (Liverpool won 6-1 on agg.); Red Star Belgrade (Yug.) 0, Inter-Milan (It.) 1 (Inter won 2-1 on agg.).

CUP WINNERS' CUP, second leg. — Dinamo Tbilisi (USSR), West Ham (Eng.) 1 (Dinamo won 4-2 on agg.); Newport (Wales) 0, Carl Zeiss Jena (F. Ger.) 1 (Jena won 3-2 on agg.); Feyenoord Rotterdam (Neth.) 4, Slavia Sofia (Bulg.) 0 (Feyenoord won 6-3 on agg.); Benfica (Port.) 1, Fortuna Duesseldorf (W. Ger.) 0 (Benfica won 3-2 on agg.).

UEFA CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg. — Lokarni, AZ '67 Alkmaar (Neth.) 0 (AZ won 2-1 on agg.); Ipswich (Eng.) 3, St. Etienne (Fr.) 1 (Ipswich won 3-2 on agg.); Schaffhausen (Swi.) 2, Grasshoppers Zurich (Swi.) 1 (Schaffhausen won 2-1 on agg.); Cologne (W. Ger.) 3, Standard Liege (Belg.) 2 (Cologne won 3-2 on agg.).

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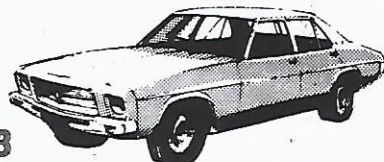
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Brown, Cullen, Ollerton are unstoppable



By BRIAN EDGLEY, Makedonia coach

I expect to win tonight (Wednesday) as my side is playing well and I see no reason to be worried by the opposition.

I dread to think what I would tell my defenders if they had to go out and face a forward line like Doug Brown, Peter Ollerton and Rob Cullen.

Thank God they're on our side and not against us. What can you do to stop these guys?

The only way would be to tie a rope around them.

I've never seen Ollerton looking sharper. Brown's got a ton of speed, skill, ability in the air and a hell of a shot in either foot. Cullen is a dynamo and like Brown he's as quick as lightning.

And our players have a tremendous will-to-win. Even at training they've got to win at everything.

I know some people may say that Brown failed to really make it back in Britain but I understand how players can get into a rut and things might not work out for them. If I was going back to England tomorrow I think Brown and Cullen could be fixed up with a good club there, that's how well they're playing.

In about a month's time there'll be no stopping Brown.

Heidelberg has just undergone a period of unrest and I think it'll take about a fortnight for Jimmy Rooney to put things right.

But don't get me wrong, I've got a lot of respect for Heidelberg. Gary Cole represents a big threat to any side and Rooney, Jim Campbell, Kenny Taylor and Theo Selemidis are fine players.

I think, though, that we're faster than Heidelberg and our pace will be a big worry for them.

Our endeavour and non-stop aggression wears sides down. We keep plugging away and the gaps appear and we've got many players who can score, not just our front runners.

Now that we realise that we're as good as anybody in the land we'll take some stopping.

Our three forwards are the biggest hurdle for Heidelberg to overcome.

I think we play exceptionally well at night and we're a more cohesive unit than Heidelberg.

Tonight's match will be a tough battle but I've got no doubts about the ability of my side to march into the next round of the Philips Cup.

PHILIPS CUP SECOND ROUND, OLYMPIC PARK, 6.30pm WEDNESDAY

It's Croatia and Makedonia



BY CRAIG MACKENZIE

Preston Makedonia and Croatia can head for a Philips Cup showdown after tonight's (Wednesday's) Olympic Park double header, starting at 6.30 pm, in the second round of Australia's most prestigious cup competition.

These two bitter rivals traded blows in almost every major Victorian competition last year and another meeting would rekindle the great spectator interest of 1980.

But Preston faces the tougher task when it takes on Heidelberg United which is in the throes of rejuvenation under new coach Jimmy Rooney.

Rooney should have little trouble gaining better performances from his charges after Heidelberg's terrible start to the 1981 season.



Croatia striker Ned Batinovic (centre) challenges for the ball in Croatia's first round Philips Cup match against Ajax. Other players, from left: Willie Vassallo, Grant Smart (No. 3), Ante Bilaver and Stuart Cannell.

Irishmen doubtful



By JIMMY ROONEY, Heidelberg coach

I have painful memories of our last game against Makedonia. They beat us 3-2 and I watched most of it from the bench, until I came on as sub.

But we're fairly confident that we'll turn the tables in our Philips Cup match at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday).

We'll have our Irish recruits, Joe McGrory and Liam Monagle in the squad, but I don't know yet whether I'll use them.

I won't have had much time to assess them, and experience has shown that only the real top-liners can step straight into a Philips League side with any success.

We're basically the same side as we were last year, so there's no reason why we can't recapture the form we showed in 1980.

We will of course be handicapped by the absence of Jamie Paton and Jim Tansey who are injured, but I think the players are determined to prove themselves and that they will do well. What they need most of all is to get their confidence back after our early slump.

We'll have to watch Makedonia closely, because they have so many dangerous players. Doug Brown looks good. I've always had a lot of respect for George McMillan. Robert Cullen is a true tiger and Peter Ollerton seems to have found a new lease of life.

But it would be a mistake for Makedonia to underestimate us.

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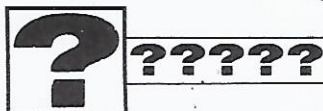
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Fred can't say



Psst! Fred? ... Fred Bunce? ... Is that you?

Craig Mackenzie here, Fred. I'd like to talk to you about ... Hello! Fred? ... are you there? ... Fred?

Well, I've spoken to Fred Bunce before (when he was at Frankston, you understand) and I've a fair idea of what he would say about tonight's (Wednesday's) Philips Cup clash against Croatia. Pity about Hakoah's Press embargo on Fred because it would have been nice to listen to his views on tonight's clash just like the other coaches appearing on this page.

Fred probably would have said that he expected a good performance from his charges tonight.

Steve Gadsby's back from his honeymoon in Bali and will lineup at right back. Along with Stuart Blair at left back their experience should add much-needed solidity to Hakoah's defence.

Bill Jordanou should add a touch of pace to Hakoah's midfield and Richie McClunne's return to the central striker's role should give Hakoah more penetration in the air. His clash with 'Butch' Kokoska should be a match highlight.

And I'm reasonably confident that Fred thinks Hakoah has a fair chance of knocking off Croatia.

But that's mere conjecture because Fred hung up on me. I wonder if Fred's phone is tapped?

The diminutive Australian international's wealth of achievements in Australian soccer earn him great respect from Heidelberg's players as he embarks upon his second coaching assignment with the club.

But it could take time for Rooney to erase all remnants of player unrest.

Preston's trump cards are the aggressive, hard running of Doug Brown and Rob Cullen backed by Peter Ollerton's finishing ability and distribution.

The key to Preston's defensive organisation revolves around Ljuba Petrovski who is in outstanding form as a sweeper.

Petrovski will have to be at his best to cut out the through balls to Gary Cole in tonight's clash.

Cole is Preston's biggest threat. The blond Australian striker has hit slumps before only to explode into action with a bagful of goals.

Should he decide to turn it on tonight and get the service his powerful off-the-ball running requires the large crowd will be in for a torrid, nail biting encounter.

Croatia and Hakoah kick off tonight's proceedings as two sides which must be expected to perform more creditably after their last efforts.

Both sides go into this match as beaten Ampol Cup semi-finalists but Hakoah has much more to prove after a terrible performance against Croydon two weeks ago.

Provided coach Fred Bunce gets the disciplined, organised effort from his players which was missing against Croydon, Hakoah can make a game of tonight's clash.

There's a lot of stake here.

Bunce and rival coach Rocco Ilie won't miss the importance of a Philips Cup quarter-final berth which will go to tonight's victor. And the club officials won't miss the monetary significance of a win.

Although I expect Hakoah to do well it's hard to go past Croatia.

Carl Gilder and Noel Mitten represent the greatest threat to Hakoah and Ned Batinovic looks likely to give Croatia added striking power this year.

If Ken Murphy, Joe Tront and Keith Adams excel themselves Hakoah can forget about a quarter-final berth.

ESSENDON CROATIA

Peter BLASSBY

Steve SHORT Butch KOKOSKA Alan KERR Ante BILAVAR

Joe TRONT Keith ADAMS Ken MURPHY

Ned BATINOVIC Carl GILDER Noel MITTEN

We're after revenge!



By STEVE SHORT, Croatia captain

We've got a lot to play for after Hakoah beat us on penalties in the Victorian Ampol Cup a few weeks ago.

Hakoah did a lot of shouting about that win.

When it won on penalties the Hakoah players were jumping up and down as if they had won the Ampol Cup final. I couldn't see them carrying on like that if they had beaten any other State League club on penalties.

I thought we were the better side on that night but I've got to give Hakoah credit for fighting as hard as it did.

But I think we're due to score a lot of goals and tonight's Philips Cup game could be the time for us to get a bagful.

Anton Dosen doesn't like playing against Carl Gilder. Carl runs Anton all about the place and if Carl and Noel Mitten put their minds to it they'll give the Hakoah defence a hell of a night.

I think our club really wants to do well in the Philips Cup and I'm confident that we'll win tonight and go into the quarter finals.

HAKOAH

Mike FRYSZER

Steve GADSBY Anton DOSEN Danny DAVIDSON Stuart BLAIR

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Westad pays Mike Johnson \$13,500, Ajax may go PSL

From page one

● Green Gully Ajax announced it was seriously considering making a bid for Philips League membership, should either J.U.S.T. or Heidelberg be relegated at the end of the year;

● Brisbane City forward Joe Palinkas expressed his desire to return to Melbourne;

● Rumors that there could be a player exchange between Alan Davidson of Hellas and Eddie Krncevic of Marconi were denied strongly but Krncevic is expected to return to Melbourne next year after his contract has expired;

● Footscray J.U.S.T., desperate to get off the bottom of the ladder, announced star forward Zdravko Lujic will return from Yugoslavia in May. The club also made a bid for talented striker Spiros Tsetsos from State League club Northcote;

● Irish recruits Liam Monagle, a sweeper, and Joe McGrory, a striker, were due to arrive from the Finn Harps club to join Heidelberg;

● Jimmy Rooney asked Heidelberg to reinstate Pat Bannon, and sacked coach Poulakakis accused some of the Heidelberg stars of "hiding" during matches;

● Croydon fought back after trailing Ajax 0-2, only to lose a thrilling Victorian Ampol Cup final 2-3 when Gus McLeod scored in the last seconds of extra time;

● West Adelaide and its coach of four years ago, Mike Johnson, settled out of court on Johnson's claim that the club breached his contract and wrongfully dismissed him. The parties appeared in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice, Mr Justice King, before West Adelaide agreed to pay Johnson \$13,500 within two months.

● Preston Makedonia's star recruit Alan Whittle (Everton, Crystal Palace, Orient) was expected to arrive this week, and Makedonia coach Brian Edgley now is negotiating with another top-line English star.



NSW AMPOL CUP

By ROGER DEWICK



JOHNNY WARREN

There's a lot of luck in coaching

Franz Beckenbauer once said that successful coaching was merely a matter of being in the right place at the right time.

North Sydney 2 Manly 1

At: Seymour Shaw Park

Referee: G. Warrane

Scores: O'Rourke (NS) 4th Min; J. Bottalico (NS) 41st Min; Jack (M) 88th Min.

NORTH SYDNEY: V. Lili, R. McGinn, G. Matheson, M. Hanratty, J. Bottalico, J. Stevan, J. Morzello, W. Forster, A. Bottalico, M. Dale, J. O'Rourke

MANLY: B. Carroll, B. Georgehan, B. Doyle, U. Kramer, T. Reilly, P. Falconer, D. Jack, S. Regan, D. Fox, P. Vale, K. Falconer

With neither side having any chance of advancing to the quarter-finals, this match became little more than a training exercise and this was reflected in the poor standard of football.

North Sydney showed more flair and enterprise and deserved its 2-0 interval lead but the fare served up in the final 45 minutes indicated that many of the older and more experienced players in both sides were not treating the affair too seriously.

Canterbury and Saints run hot, Croatia hits 3

Cook, D. Strickland, K. Crawford, N. Brizuela

Parramatta defended stoutly for most of the first half but it was apparent that when St George put its act together nothing would hold it back.

With almost a completely revamped midfield it took the Saints longer than normal to find their rhythm but once into stride they were a delight to watch.

A penalty just before the interval did not help Parramatta's morale but to its credit it continued to try hard in the second half despite conceding goals at regular intervals.

Even after allowing for the shock of being a goal down in 50 seconds, Riverwood again performed like a disjointed group of spare parts against a Croatia team which is still not playing up to its normal high standard.

Croatia controlled the game with more aggression in midfield and a desire to win the ball which was lacking in its opponents.

Croatia had two easy chances to add to its tally before the interval but was able to coast along in the last 20 minutes with no more than token pressure being applied by Riverwood.

As joint leader of its group a keen contest was anticipated but the Fairy Meadow bubble burst against its more experienced, fitter and better drilled opponents.

Fairy Meadow was never in the game from the outset and smart finishing by Georgiou earned him two goals before the interval and a hat trick before the final whistle.

Thamnidis was given ample room to exploit his speed and set up the first three goals.

The second half was scruffy affair with Fairy Meadow showing more enterprise but totally lacking in penetration.

NSW State League

St George 5 (Davies 2, Marton, Kay, Barton) Auburn 0 at Bankstown. Crowd: 327.

Sutherland 0 Riverwood 0 at Seymour Shaw Park. Crowd: 802.

Melita 8 (Allan 3, Farrugia 2, Canon, Parker, Martinez) Parramatta City 0 at Garside Park. Crowd: 1976.

Croatia 1 (Kovacic) Avala 0 at Knight Park. Crowd: 1743.

Polonia 1 (Garlovski) Canterbury 0 at Chopin Park. Crowd: 429.

Manly 2 (Jack, Fox) Bankstown 0 at Cromer Park. Crowd: 485.

| St Geo | Croatia | Melita | Polonia | Suth | Monaro | Avala | Man | Auburn | C'bury | N Syd | P'matta | R'wood | B'town |
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Saturday: Coca-Cola Bottlers League: Inter Monaro v Auburn at Maroo Polo Oval.

Aust. Youth League "Eastern Division": Blacktown City v A.I.S. at Gabbie Stadium, 12.45 pm.

Sunday: Coca-Cola Bottlers League: Croatia Sydney v Manly Warringah at King Tomislav Park; Avala v Riverwood at Knight Park; Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire at Everley Park; Bankstown City v North Sydney Inter at Soccer Centre; St George B.S.C. v Polonia at St George Stadium; Parramatta City v Cant-M'ville Oly. at Garside Park.

1st DIVISION: Bathurst '75 v Belmore at 2 Bod; Revasby Workers v North Bankstown at Milperra Reserve; Fairy Meadow v Wollongong United at Police Boys Ground; Blacktown United v Ku-Ring-Gai at Francis Park; S.S.C. Yugal v Warringah at Concord Oval; Guildford County v Penrith United at Guildford Park; Uni. of NSW v Gladesville Ravens at Prince Henry Hospital.

Aust. Youth League "Eastern Division": Sydney Olympic v Sydney City at Pratten Park, 12.45 pm; Marconi Fairfield v Canberra City at Marconi Oval, 12.45 pm.

Umbro Cup Final: Loser of 2 & 4 v Loser of 1 & 3 at Popondetta Park, 1.00 pm; Winner of 2 & 4 v Winner of 1 & 3 at Popondetta Park, 3.00 pm.

Ampol Cup, Quarter Finals: Wednesday 25th March, 1981 at St George Stadium: 6.45 pm Fairy Meadow v Sutherland Shire.

5.30 pm Cant-M'ville Oly v Polonia.

Wednesday 1st April, 1981 at St George Stadium: 6.45 pm Wollongong United v St George B.S.C.

8.30 pm Melita Eagles v Croatia Sydney.

He was referring to the role of coaching during Bayern Munich's highly successful run in European competition in the seventies.

Beckenbauer's words have a certain meaning when you consider two recent events.

The expected sacking of Heidelberg coach Manny Poulakakis, who has enjoyed many successes over the years including one with Heidelberg, is a case in point.

Heidelberg's early season demise reminds me of St. George in the mid '60's.

In 1967 Saints won the championship. The following year with the same players, coach and same committee the team finished second from the bottom in the league. And no one could put their finger on the reason.

Heidelberg, of course, will point to many reasons for its fall from grace.

Sure, coaching has a role in it, especially with so many of the players being Len McKendry fans.

Whilst agreeing with that I would also see the lesser role of former president Jim Mangopoulos as a contributing factor as well.

Heidelberg was lucky to have Jim as a president.

It was unique in the soccer world in that he was a former First Division player — and a very good one at that.

In fact he would be one of the few presidents who really knew what he was talking about when it came to the actual playing of the game.

The other case of being in the right place at the right time concerns Rudi Gutendorf.

Rudi, in his column in the "Sydney Morning Herald," went to great lengths to tell us that before he came here soccer received very little publicity.

Because he deliberately set out to make controversy the amount of publicity had improved immensely.

Yes, Rudi, the amount of publicity for the game has increased but not entirely because of your presence.

Thanks to 16 PSL clubs (most of whom have the backside out of their pants promoting the game), soccer paper proprietors who have rioted almost all their own, Coca Cola for its role in staging the World Youth championships;

the fact that it just happened to be our century year when you were national coach; the ASF Marketing organisation and hundreds of other people, soccer is getting more coverage.

But to attribute it all to your presence, Rudi, is taking things a little bit too far.

Just another coach, as Beckenbauer says, who is in the right place at the right time.

A new star or just another of the many talented young Australian players who promise so much and gradually fade into oblivion?

That's the big question with Leichhardt's new \$20,000 signing of Baz Giampaolo from Canberra.

There is no doubting that Baz is one of the most skillful boys thrown up from our extensive junior soccer organisation for many years.

Some people go so far as to say that he is THE most skillful Australian born player ever.

With Inter Monaro, the Readymix sponsored team from Queanbeyan, Giampaolo formed a deadly striking duo with Walter Valeri. Both were transferred to Canberra City where Giampaolo proved to be a bitter disappointment.

His detractors say that he will never make it, that he lacks the dedication, application and the playing "character" needed when things get tough.

They'll also tell you that you don't see him when his team is down.

Still, better players than Giampaolo have had worse things said about them than that.

The interesting point in his move to Leichhardt (what a nice change for this proud club to sign a player with Italian background) is whether the change will bring out the best in him.

Leichhardt's Willie Wallace obviously thinks so as does Rudi Gutendorf who immediately drafted him into his World Cup squad.

Personally one hopes Baz matures at Leichhardt and realises his undoubted potential. This would prove the growing band of doubters of his talents 100% wrong.

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IRAN IN SHOCK WITHDRAWAL

Iran has withdrawn from the Asian Group 3 World Cup qualifying tournament in Kuwait next month, a spokesman for the Kuwait Football Federation said.

No reason was given for Iran's withdrawal. South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand and Kuwait are the competing

Ajax held

Indonesia commenced its World Cup build up with a commendable 0-0 draw with Dutch champions Ajax in Jakarta, thus proving once again that it will be a hard nut for the Soccerroos to crack on its own paddock.

The Indonesians were fully worthy of their tie with the highly rated Dutchmen and indeed almost stole the game in the final minutes.

The following week Indonesia defeated Japan 2-0 with a highly competent display.

Although its record away from home is, at best, mediocre, Indonesia is capable of beating almost anyone in front of its own enthusiastic supporters.

Should Australia and New Zealand finish all square after their two match series then qualification will almost certainly be decided in the cauldron of the Senayan Stadium, Jakarta. — PAUL MOON

teams in the group, which starts on April 17.

Meanwhile, Gatar produced a positive performance to gain its first victory in the World Cup Asian group two qualifying tournament when it beat Bahrain 3-0 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Qatar, which lost the opening match of the tournament 1-0 to favourites Iraq last Wednesday, set up their success by scoring in the 21st and 35th minutes through Mansour Miftah and Khalid Salman respectively. Miftah netted again in the 64th

minute with a close range shot which sealed victory. Only the agility of goalkeeper Hemoud Sultan, who saved three certain goals, prevented Bahrain suffering further humiliation.

Faud Bushager, who helped Bahrain defeat Syria last Thursday, missed two good chances.

Group standings.

| Saudi Arabia | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Saudi Arabia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | |
| Qatar | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | |
| Iraq | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Bahrain | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | |
| Syria | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |



Ernie Frisch

ERNIE FRISCH DIES

Ernie Frisch, one of the most respected members of the Hakoah club and Sydney City, died after a long illness at the age of 85.

Although seriously ill, he attended most of the games of his beloved Sydney City team until the final weeks.

An ardent supporter, Frisch, through his kindness and generosity, made life so much easier for new players from interstate and overseas.

The Sydney City players wore black armbands and observed a minute's silence at their game against Marconi. The Hakoah club in Bondi was closed on the afternoon of his funeral so that the staff could attend.

Fellow Sydney City directors acted as pallbearers and the players formed a guard of honor.

Mr. Frisch is survived by his wife, Bella, and son Jack. "Soccer Action" extends its deepest sympathy.

GREEN GULLY AJAX 3
(Wall 2, McLeod 3)
CROYDON 2 (Smith, P. Loughnane) AET. Ampol Cup Final at Olympic Park last Saturday night. Crowd: About 1700. Referee: Venios 8. MATCH RATING: 9.

AJAX: Denys 7 - Lewis 8, Cannell 7, Gardiner 8, Smith 7, Bennett 6, Vassallo 6, Greenan 7 - Wall 8, McLeod 7, Morrey 7.

CROYDON: Keogh 8 - Brown 7, Wade 8, McCombe 8, Hobson 7 - Smith 8, Spink 7, Howarth 7 - P. Loughnane 8 (Wylie 106th), Brogan 7, I. Loughnane 8.

As Ajax fans sang and joked with their players after winning last Saturday's Ampol Cup final, coach Bob McLaughlan slowly unwound in the dressing rooms.

The usually animated McLaughlan had just sat through 110 minutes of apprehension, joy, disgust, worry and finally ecstasy as Ajax and Croydon turned on a nail-biting, see-sawing final which had the small crowd in raptures for most of the game.

This was the time for the fans to applaud their heroes. McLaughlan's moment would come later during the celebrations back at Ajax's clubrooms.

McLaughlan had sat in the grandstand for most of the first half.

He watched a cautious Croydon allow Ajax to dictate the play and most of the first 45 minutes took place in Croydon's defensive half.

But Croydon's defence, with the tall Steve McCombe prominent, held firm.

The moment all the Ajax fans and officials were waiting for finally came and it was well worth the wait.

Ajax keeper Lou Denys threw the ball out to John Gardiner and the cat-and-mouse game had begun.

Gardiner stood motionless on the ball, inviting a Croydon attacker to come at him. As soon as he was closed down he tapped the ball back to Denys who then threw it out to Stuart Cannell.

Cannell hesitated, then tapped the ball back to Denys. While this was going on Willie Vassallo had found acres of space wide on Ajax's left and the alert Denys threw the ball long to the Ajax midfielder.



Gus McLeod raises both arms in relief as much as in joy after scoring the winning goal.

Vassallo cut inside and played the ball square to Cannell moving toward the half way line. He sent Peter Lewis on his way down the right and the aggressive Ajax right back tried as he had done so often before to seek out the head of Gus McLeod at the far post.

Lewis's cross was perfect. McLeod headed down to Kevin Wall who took time to turn but hammered a low, left-foot shot which beat the hands of Croydon keeper Sean Keogh and rolled across the goal line.

Ajax had struck first from a move which started with Denys and ended with Wall's goal. No Croydon player had touched the ball until Keogh's vain bid to save Wall's shot.

It looked like this was the start of Croydon's demise.

A minute later Cannell tried a fancy flick back to Denys but his pass was wide and under pressure Denys was forced to scramble to gain possession.

McLaughlan exploded in the grandstand.

"I'll kill that bastard!" he yelled as he rushed out of his

Finally Gus gets clear and the Cup goes to Ajax

seat and charged down to the bench at ground level.

No doubt McLaughlan and Cannell had words at the half time break.

Two minutes into the second half Croydon should have drawn level.

Peter Loughnane crossed from the right to Dave Brogan but at full stretch the Croydon striker failed to control his attempt to lob volley over Denys and the ball went over the bar.

In the 52nd minute McLeod turned and slammed a 30 metre shot toward the top corner of the Croydon goal but Keogh did well to backpedal and tip over.

From the resulting corner Ajax went two up.

Bill Morrey curled the ball to the near post. Wall ran to meet it and glanced a well-timed header inside the far corner.

Croydon surely was down and out now. Ajax fans sensed victory and it seemed likely that Ajax would hammer in a few more goals.

Few onlookers could have expected the drama which was about to unfold.

Duncan Smith was everywhere. He was head and shoulders above any other midfielder and his industry

and skill was rewarded in the 56th minute when he ran onto a through ball, slid down and slotted home Croydon's first goal.

This sparked an amazing revival.

Croydon players suddenly ran, challenged and gave their all as Ajax's midfield headed for cover.

The Ajax defence was put under tremendous pressure and forced into many first-time clearances.

But Croydon's willingness to come forward opened gaps at the back and thrilling end-to-end play kept the fans on their toes.

Paul Wade, playing as sweeper in place of the injured Alan Pongho, pushed forward and was instrumental in building up many Croydon forward moves.

Peter Lewis charged forward on countless occasions trying to kill Croydon's revival. From one such overlap down the right he chipped to the far post and Keogh punched poorly.

Under pressure from Wall young Croydon right back Mark Brown cleared.

Then a Croydon corner led to a series of last-ditch goal-line clearances, a shot which hit the post and another shot which whistled over the Ajax bar.

Players packed into Ajax's six yard box as the ball bounced back and forward in the space of about 10 metres until Brogan shot over.

In the 63rd minute Croydon's revival reached its peak with the equaliser.

Peter Loughnane let fly with a scorching left-foot drive from 25 metres which cannoned into the back of the Ajax goal as Denys flung himself down in vain.

Suddenly Ajax looked in tatters. Croydon continued to surge forward and the Croydon supporters sensed the possibility of a memorable victory.

A Dave Brogan corner was headed clear at the near post but the ball went straight back to Brogan. He crossed far post to Wade who headed on to McCombe. The tall Croydon central defender turned and hammered a shot just wide.

Thirty seconds later Wall blasted a shot toward goal and Keogh only could pry to the feet of Morrey about 12 metres out.

Morrey steadied. Everyone anticipated what should have been the goal to end Croydon's revival but almost unbelie-



The battle between Ajax striker Gus McLeod (left) and Croydon's Steve McCombe, was the highlight of the final. McCombe had a mighty match, but McLeod scored the winning goal nevertheless.

vably Morrey blasted wide as Keogh struggled to recover to guard his unprotected goal.

Two minutes later McLeod put Wall through. The former Frankston Pines and Frankston City striker was having his best game since joining Ajax two months ago. He shrugged off Brown's challenge but shot wide from 15 metres.

Within a minute the ball had been played through to Peter Loughnane but he too shot wide from a similar angle to Wall!

Ian Loughnane pounced on a rare mistake from Grant



Sean Keogh's face tells it all. Croydon's comeback is all for naught.

Smart but Gardiner robbed him and retrieved the situation.

Lewis cleared off the Ajax goal line after Brogan's shot had passed three players and Denys.

Morrey took two quick corners, with the ball outside the corner quarter-circle. Croydon fans tried to draw referee Evan Venios's attention to Morrey's infringement but even Venios seemed too excited to notice.

In the final minute of normal time Morrey passed to Gerry Bennett on Ajax's right. Bennett cut inside into the Croydon area and shot. Keogh lost possession to Wall but the angle was too acute and he shot into the side netting.

The first half of extra time was five minutes old when the two Loughnanes combined in what could have been a match winning move.

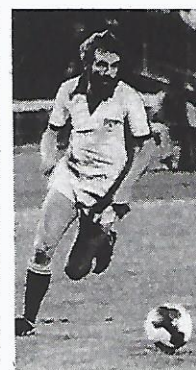
Peter set up brother Ian down Croydon's left. Peter Loughnane set off down the middle as Ian carried the ball down the left. Rather than playing the ball in behind the two Ajax defenders to exploit Peter's pace, Ian elected to hold possession and eventually was robbed.

Both sides showed the strain. Players looked worn out and Peter Loughnane and Brogan cramped badly.

When it seemed that the game was destined for a penalty showdown the irrepressible McLeod finally struck.

Wall, finding untapped reserves of energy, beat three Croydon players on a run into the Croydon area. He shot from six metres but Keogh parried well. The ball ran to Morrey who knocked it back across the face of goal to McLeod who turned and slammed it home low - his eighth goal in as many games since arriving from Scotland.

Ajax fans were delirious. McLaughlan breathed a sigh of relief. A minute later Venios whistled for the last time.



Ajax captain John Gardiner - his fifth Ampol Cup victory. Bill Vojtek holds the record of six Cup medals.

Croydon players looked shattered by the late goal as Ajax players rejoiced.

John Gardiner took his turn to hold the Ampol Cup high during the after-match presentation ceremony. He'd struck a similar pose on four other such occasions, once with George Cross and three times with Croatia.

Both sides had given their all in an exciting final with a nerve-tangling finish.

Croydon had come so close in its first major final since entering State League ranks.

It was Ajax's second Ampol Cup win.

Both groups of players covered themselves in glory and the spectacle they turned on was a memorable advertisement for State League soccer.



Goalkeeper Mick Edwards (left) and sweeper Alan Pongho. Both were injured, and watched from the sidelines. Would Croydon have done better with the two stars in its team?

Giampaolo stars, Davidson scores

From page one

Giampaolo was in scintillating form up front on the left.

Assistant national coach Les Scheinflug said that he was pleased with the entire left side of the team.

But Lions fielded a weakened line-up.

Young striker Calvin Daunt partnered Bennett in the middle of Lions' defence and Johan Verweij played his first game of the season. Jim Her-

miston left his customary sweeper's role and played in midfield.

Giampaolo was complimented by solid performances from midfielder Alan Davidson and left back Alan Niven.

Giampaolo was under consideration as a Soccerero in the past but was hindered by injury problems and now that he has a new lease of life he could be one of the first

choices against New Zealand in the World Cup.

Niven also impressed Scheinflug and it now seems that Queensland could fill both fullback position, with Steve Perry holding down the right back berth.

The other players all performed up to expectations although Scheinflug added he still was expecting more from Mark Jankovics.

"Like all the other Marconni players he is taking a little time to strike his best form", Scheinflug said.

"However several times during the match, I thought he looked fresh and hungry for goals."

Admittedly Lions went close to cracking the Soccereros defence on a couple of occasions. But Scheinflug wasn't worried.

"We will obviously play it a lot tighter in the World Cup. In this game I let all the players attack at will."

The industrious Davidson, put the Soccereros ahead with a well placed shot in the 10th minute and Nigel Lownds appeared a little slow getting down.

Niven added No. 2 from a free kick. He had one attempt which hit the crossbar but it was ordered to be retaken and

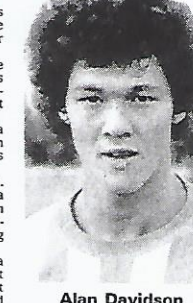
this time he was successful thanks to a slight deflection.

The third goal, just after halftime, was by far the best.

Peter Sharpe crossed from the right, Giampaolo picked it up and made a slashing run through the left of the box and passed square to Murray Barnes who rammed it home.

Jankovics displayed some of his regained flair by adding the fourth with a solid drive in the 60th minute.

Alan Davidson



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Essendon Croatia was born out of a series of amalgamations and takeovers dating back 20 years. In 1960 commitment of the then Croatia club took over Preston and renamed it Croat. Three years later Croat and Croatia amalgamated. Croatia won the State League championship in 1968 but was expelled from the VSF in 1972. In 1975 Croatians took over Lions who had amalgamated with Hadjuk in 1958. After the takeover the club became known as Essendon Lions, then Essendon Croatia. Croatia has produced countless Victorian state players and Australian internationals. Croatia won the State League championship in 1978 and 79; the Dockerty Cup in 1968, 69, 79 and 80; the Amstrong Cup in 1967, 71, 72, 77 and 1980.

BACK ROW, left to right: Ante Blavac (from Shepparton 1975), Ned Batirovic (from juniors), Noel Mitten (Frankston City 1980), Alan Kerr (Azzuri, Perth 1977), Peter Blaab (Heidelberg 1979), Chris Kovac (Frankston City 1980), Steve Kokoska (Sunshine 1977), Carl Glider (Slavia 1978), Steve Short (Slavia 1979).
FRONT ROW: Brian Keenan (Chelsea 1978), Danny Dzic (juniors), Keith Adams (Ringwood Willehnina 1979), Joe Tront (Croydon 1980), Ken Murphy (Dundee, Scotland 1976), Steve Gojovic (juniors), Mick Klarin (Ajax 1979, now with Metro First Division club Western Suburbs).

Perkins, Young Klarin join Metro clubs

THE VICTORIAN SCENE

State League players Bruce Young, Dave Perkin and Mick Klarin have moved to the Metropolitan League First Division.

Young switched from Frankston City to Richmond or \$2500. Perkin from Ajax to Morwell Falcons for \$3000 and Klarin from Croatia to Western Suburbs for \$2750.

At Western Suburbs, Klarin is reunited with player-coach Billy Vojtek, Ian McCarthy and Andy Segt, who were all teammates of his when he was at Ajax.

He will play centre back or defensive midfielder.

Perkin, who scored 11 goals in three seasons with Ajax since arriving from England, is Morwell Falcons' fifth recruit this year. The others are Jimmy Mackay from Albion Rovers, Bill Whiteside from Frankston Pat McElhinney from Park Rangers and Paul Thompson from Sandringham.

Young, like Perkin, is a winger. He joined Frankston from English club Norwich City and was probably the fastest forward in the State League.

He joins other Richmond newcomers Joe Hegedus (Hawthorn), Warren Greenwood (Williamstown), Robert Kegen (Moreland) and Jim Gera (Morwell Falcons).

Fourth Division club Nunawading City boasts the largest number of registered players in Victoria.

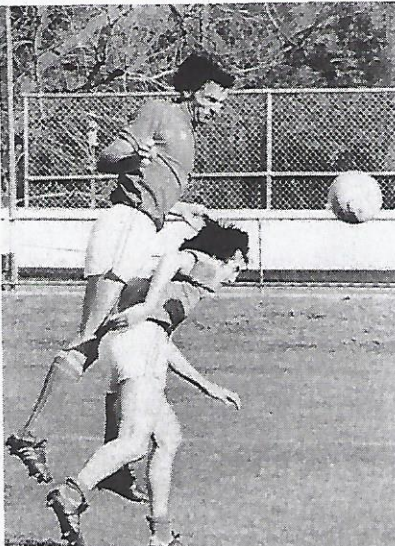
The club has more than 300 players competing in 22 teams ranging from under-7 to senior.

SAF secretary George Wallace attended Nunawading's opening league fixture which resulted in a 4-0 win over March City.

Club captain Steve Berardini led the top form at this early stage of the season. He forms part of City's two-pronged attack alongside fellow striker Chris Middlemast.

City has signed Norrie Davey as coach.

"I read in last week's 'Soccer Action' that Sunbury, Mornington and Brighton would fight out the top two spots in Fourth Division but you can take it from me that



Western Suburbs' new signing, Mick Klarin, in action for Croatia, heads over Ajax's Jimmy Dunne, now with Briarbane City.



Theo Selemidis of Heidelberg United gives some ball-handling tips to Mordialloc juniors.



Richmond's new winger, Bruce Young (right), in a match for Frankston, is beaten by Croydon's Mark Brown.



we'll be up there at the end of the season," said Davey. Davey has a reputation for producing fit, well-drilled outfits and Nunawading can look forward to a big year in 1981.

Four new signings have boosted Provisional Second

Division club Hawksburn to favoritism for this year's title. Sander and Andy Kazi (both ex-JUST) have been signed from Industrial League club Tarax, Frank Horvath has joined from Melbourne and former Albion Gate defender Neville Tussa has signed with the Hawks.

These four newcomers join Hawksburn stalwarts Steve Bleskany and Joe Szabo in a strong line-up.

The Hawks finished third last year, just missing out on promotion, but are confident of winning the championship to celebrate the club's 15th anniversary.

Watch out for Mordialloc. That's the tip coming from the Provisional League Third Division club making giant strides for success.

The local council recently approved almost \$50,000 to be spent on new social rooms which should be ready to usher in the 1982 season.

Mordialloc has hired former Juventus and Sandringham

player Con Argeres as first team coach and former Wolverhampton Wanderers player Mick Annis is assistant coach.

The club is banking heavily on its junior.

Jim Lambrou, Greg Abdou, Bill Fergadiotis, John Gedeasi, Nick Drugas, Peter Karavasil and Daryl Danker are vying to establish themselves in the first team after playing with the under 16's.

Fergadiotis had a brilliant first team debut in Mordialloc's opening league encounter against Kyneton which ended in a 0-0 draw.

To add experience to the line-up, Mordialloc signed Bill Merkus, Glen Palmer and John and Tony Antoniou, all from Metro Fourth Division club Sandringham.

Guests of Victorian Fourth Division club Nunawading City enjoy the view from the balcony of City's clubroom complex. From left to right: Peter Nellies, junior vice-president; Peter Karavasil, club president; Will Renfrey, mayor of Nunawading; George Wallace, VSF secretary; Don Sharp, Nunawading city councillor and Dan Caulfield, Nunawading secretary.

Mordialloc was formed as Mentone-Mordialloc Soccer Club in 1970 and in 1978 its application for membership of the Provisional League was successful.

The club has formed itself into a company limited by guarantee. It is hoped the club will develop into a strong sporting organisation encompassing soccer, tennis, squash and many other sporting outlets for the local community.

Mordialloc fields two senior teams and five junior teams ranging from under-11's to under-15's.

The junior club recently was entertained by the skills of Australian internationals Theo Selemidis and Alan Davidson, the first step in a planned series of clinics for juniors this year.

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Η ελληνική μας ομάδα θα μπορούσε στο πρώτο 20λεπτο να είχε πετύχει περισσότερα τέρματα αν οι κεντροί της ήταν πιο προσεκτικοί.

Από την νικητριά ξεχώρισαν οι Αθανάσιος, Πατριάρχης, Παγγόνης, Αθανάσιος, Παναγιώτης, Πατριάρχης, Πέτρος, Κωστής, Σταυρίδης, Λαζαρίδης, Χατζηγεωργίου (70' Δανιέλσκι).

Η Β' ομάδα θα διακριθεί τους Λεβαντίδη και Κανεσούλη, έφερε σκορ 2-2.

KOACHANT ΕΙΤΤ

Περίπου 500 άτομα παρακολούθησαν τον πρώτο αγώνα που έδωσε για το πρωτάθλημα το Προβιζιόνι το Κάλφιντ μέσα στο γήπεδο του με το Μέλτον το οποίο το διέκρινε με 4-0 ενώ με λίγη προσοχή των κυνηγών του το σκορ θα είχε φθάσει γύρω στα 8-0, χωρίς αυτό να θεωρείται υπερβολή.

Η ελληνική ομάδα επικράτησε σε όλες τις γραμμές και άσπασε άριστες έντυπες περιπτώσεις για την αγωνιστικότητα των παικτών της που στο Β' μέρος μετέδωκε ένα "αυτοκίνητο", επέστρεψαν και σημείωσαν τέσσερα άρια τέρματα.

Διπρόσωπος μεγάλη νίκη ήταν οι "Ιορδάνου" και "Προβιζιόνι".

Ο Σιδηρόπουλος άνοιξε το σκορ στο 45' με κλέψιο σουτ που βρήκε το κεφάλι αντιπάλου για να καταλήξει στο δίχτυ.

Η συνέχεια ήταν για τους "Ιορδάνου" που με σε αυτό πέτυχε λεπτά με θαυμάσια σε έκταση γκολ έστιαζε το σκορ σε 3-0.

Ο Σιδηρόπουλος και πάλι στο 72' με άριστη ροή σουτ έγραψε το 4-0 που ήταν και το τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

Ας σημειωθεί ότι στο 75' ο Διπλόρος υπέπεσε σε πέναλτυ το οποίο όμως απέφυγε με θαυμαστή έντιμηση ο θαυμάσιος γκολκίπερ Τζοι Τάλλιν.

Η σύνθεση της νικητριάς: Παλίδης, Πελάσης, Π. Πατριάρχης, Αλκίβης, Πατριάρχης, Γιάννου, Παλίδης, Χέντριν (65' Διπλόρος), Πατριάρχης (40' Δανιέλσκι), Σιδηρόπουλος και "Ιορδάνου".

Το Σάββατο το Κάλφιντ δίνει οδοσολογία αγώνων εντός έδρας.

Η ομάδα θα διοργανώσει έκτακτη με πούλμαν και για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, τηλεφωνήστε στον γραμματέα του συλλόγου κ. Χαραυρόπουλο στο 959 8806.

ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑ ΠΑΡΑΒΙΑ

Η ομάδα "Ιορδάνου" κέρδισε έκτος έδρας το Μέλτον με 2-0 και σίγουρα ότι θα είναι ο πρώτος πρωταγωνιστής για το πρωτάθλημα της "καθημερινής" του Προβιζιόνι Λίγκ.

Η ομάδα του Πάνη Σβίγγου πάλασε σκληρά για την νίκη την οποία την πήρε δίκαια, το μοναδικό γκολ πέτυχε ο Πάνης. Αμυντικός ο οποίος ήταν από τους διακριθέντες της ομάδας μαζί με τους Περίδη, Μελέτη και τον τερασσιότατο Αποστολίδη.

Το σκορ του Κότα βρήκε το δοκάρη των αντιπάλων, ενώ γάβησαν άριστες ευκαιρίες.

Η σύνθεση: Αποστολίδης, Αμυντικός, Περίδης, Μελέτης, Ντ. Αποστολίδης, Πατριάρχης, Πατριάρχης, Πατριάρχης, Κωστής, Σταυρίδης (60' Σβίγγου), Ρόμης, Χότας (45' Καλκίτης).

ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Σε φιλικόν αγώνα η Ένωση Ποντίων νίκησε εύκολα την "Ελπίδα Κοντινέας" με 4-0.

Τα γκολ για την ελληνική ομάδα πέτυχαν οι Καζάνης, Κουτρονικόλης και Χιος 2.

Η σύνθεση: Αλκίβης, Πατριάρχης, Π. Αποστολίδης, Πατριάρχης, Κωστής, Χιος, Αποστολίδης, Κουτρονικόλης, Πατριάρχης, Μανιτικός, ΧατζηΠατριάρχης και Μανιτικός.

Όπως μας είπε ο φιλικός προπονητής του συλλόγου Βασίλης Αλκίβης, η ομάδα είναι πανέτοιμη για το πρωτάθλημα του "Ενδοσπορίου Λίγκ".

Το ίδιο μας είπε και ο πρόεδρος της Ένωσης Ποντίων κ. Σπύριος Κουτρονικόλης: "Έχουμε ολόκληρο κλάδο ποδοσφαιριστές όσους στην δύναμή μας και πιστεύω με την βοήθεια και την αγάπη όλων να πάμε καλά".

ΕΝΔΙΑΦΕΡΟΝ

-ΤΟΝ θαυμάσιο αμυντικό της Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ "Ανέστη Τριανταφυλλίδη άποιας έντος της έβδομης το Κάλφιντ έβγαλε.

Ο ίδιος αλλοιόν συνενομήσαν για την μεταγραφή του παίκτη ο οποίος πιστεύεται να λυθεί πολλά προβλήματα στην ομάδα του Κάλφιντ.

-ΔΙΑΠΡΟΣΗΠΙ στο Μάρττον ο Νικητής Τυρικός σάν τρίτο ήταν και οι άνθρωποι του συλλόγου είναι ευχαριστημένοι με τον ελληνικό αμυντικό.

-ΤΟΝ Πυθαγόρα προπονητή "Αριστέλης Δουράκης ο οποίος πιστεύει να έχει μια καλή χρονιά σε τος η ομάδα του.

-ΜΑΡΙΑΝ Πάος ένας προπονητής μιας ελληνικής ομάδας, σκεπάζεται να την εγκαταλείψει γιατί φοβάται μήπως τον διώκουν. "Έτσι -έλεγε- στην πράξη του-δύο έχω και το γόνιμο μου".

-ΣΕ ένα μήνα θα άρξουν πάλι τις προπονήσεις ο Τζωρτζ Κώμητης της "ΕΛΛΑΣ" ο οποίος πρόσφατα έκανε έγκληση μηνίσκου.

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"

SELECTIONS

Metropolitan League Division 1: Saturday: Albion Rovers v Box Hill (draw), Albion Gate v SLAVIA, Knox City v RICHMOND. Sunday: WESTERN SUBURBS v Kew Park Rangers, Moreland v MORVELL FALCONS, POLONIA v Australia.

Division II: Saturday: DANDENONG CITY v Heidelberg United, FOOTSCRAY v FRANKSTON PINES, WAVERLEY CITY v JONCASTER RANGERS, Preston v Melbourne (draw) Ardeer v Springvale City (draw), FAWKNER v South Melbourne.

Division III: Saturday: Eltham v PRAHRAN CITY, CORIO v St Albans, COBURG v Port Melbourne, RINGWOOD UNITED v Bell Park, YALLOURN v Heidelberg.

Sunday: NUNAWADING CITY v Sandringham City. Sunday: BROADMEADOW v Caulfield v Werribee.

Division IV: Saturday: KEYSBOROUGH v Ferntree Gully, MOORABBIN CITY v Chelsea, Brighton v SUNBURY UNITED, Mornington v North Dandenong (draw) Monash University v ROYAL PARK.

Sunday: NUNAWADING CITY v Sandringham City.

Division I: South Oakleigh v Mooroolbark (draw) ESSENDON CITY v Hamlyn Rangers, ROSEBUD v Hotham United, Malton v THOMASTOWN, Geelong v CAULFIELD CITY, CARLTON v Greenborough.

Division II: HAWKSBURN v Langwarrin, Lall United v Hawthorn Citizens (draw) BALLARAT v Shepparton City, NORTH ZEELONG v South Yarra, Nunawading United v CLAYTON, CARINGAL UNITED v East Brunswick.

Division III: Mordialloc v Rosanna (draw) REGENT v Moe United, BORONIA v Kyneton, YARRAVILLE v Clifton Hill, University of Melbourne v BERRICK CITY.

District League: Sunday

Division I: Moonee Ponds v MONBULK, MALVERN CITY v Central City, BURNLEY v Cheltenham, MITCHAM UNITED v Abboteford Teas, South Dandenong v BRUNSWICK CITY, Postel naitau v ALTONA Dandenong.

Division II: WEST GEEELONG v West Brunswick, Pascoe Vale v BANKSIA, North Melbourne v NORTH SUNSHINE, CLARINDA v East Carlton, Hampton Wanderers v Ascot United (draw), Central Brunswick v VERNONT.

Division III: Moeffell Rangers v SEAFORD UNITED, BALALAVA v Parkmore, BAXTER v Murrumbidgee United, CRANBOURN v Diamond Creek, Batman United v SPRINGVALE UNITED.

Central Amateur League-Division 1 - Sunday: MEADOW PARK v Bundoora, MACCABI HAKOAH v Melbourne Uni. Amateurs, HOSEA UNITED v Chadstone, BALWYN CITY v Endeavour Hills, Latrobe University v R.M.I.T. (draw), MACLEOD UNITED v Yndale United.

Division II: EPPING THISTLE v Albert Park, WESTALL v Naverley United, DINGLEY v RAAF Melbourne, St. Marks v COOYONG RANGERS, MULGRAVE v Concord, Hollan Park v West United (draw).

Latrobe Valley

Fixtures for The Latrobe Valley lightning premiership at Maryvale Reserve, Morwell, on Sunday:

1ST DIVISION - GROUP

(1) GROUND (1): Olympians v Fortuna, 12 noon, Warragul v Monash, 12.25, Fortuna v Churchill, 12.50, Warragul v Olympians, 1.15, Fortuna v Monash, 1.40, Churchill v Warragul, 2.05, Olympians v Monash, 2.30, Warragul v Fortuna, 2.55, Churchill v Olympians, 3.20, Monash v Churchill, 3.45, Final 4.30.

GROUP (2) GROUND (2): Pegasus v Rangers, Sale City v Traralgon City, Newborough v Rangers, Pegasus v Traralgon City, Sale City v Newborough.

Pegasus v Sale City, Newborough v Traralgon City, Rangers v Sale City, Pegasus v Newborough, Traralgon City v Rangers, 15 mins. each way.

2ND AND 3RD DIVISION, GROUP (1) GROUND (3):

Leongatha v R.A.A.F. Sale 12 noon, Nagle College v Dinamo 12.25, R.A.A.F. Sale v Dinamo 12.50, Leongatha v Nagle College 1.15, Dinamo v R.A.A.F. Sale 1.40, R.A.A.F. Sale v Nagle College 2.05, Final 2.50.

GROUP (2) GROUND (4): Jeeralang v Korumburra, Drouin v Monash, Monash v Korumburra, Dinamo v Jeeralang, Korumburra v Drouin, Jeeralang v Monash.



Dave Perkin - Ajax to Morwell Falcons.

Want to be a ref?

The Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation is planning courses for prospective referees.

Those interested should contact Bob Henderson on 338 2666 (business) or 386 062 (home).

The Victorian referees' committee for 1981 is: Colin Tuffield (president), Mike Gaut (vice-president), Bob Henderson (secretary), Tony Beazleigh (treasurer), Bob Randall, Jim Dixon, Lou Hemmes, Joe Slaats and Murray Jesson.

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE GIANTS

P.O. BOX 534, NORWOOD, S.A., 5067
SECRETARY: C. Picarello (08) 223 0230 (Bus).

COACH: B. D'Ottavi
GROUND: Olympic Sportsfield, Kensington.
 (08) 332 5614, 332 5618

COLOURS: Black, white
 This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY EAGLES** at Schintler Reserve/Melbourne/Sunday 3pm.



LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

38-42 FRAZER ST, LEICHHARDT, 2040

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688
COACH: W. Wallace
GROUND: Lambert Park, 569 6845 (match day)
PROMOTION OFFICER: T. Raciti 82 0187
COLOURS: Maroon, sky blue



This week's match: v **ADELAIDE HAWKS** at Hindmarsh Stadium/Adelaide/2.30pm.

ADELAIDE HAWKS

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE, SA, 5001
SECRETARY: P. Stilianopoulos (08) 352 1494

COACH: B. Birch
GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St.
COLOURS: Blue white stripes, blue shorts
SPONSOR: Dominion Finance

This week's match: v **LEICHHARDT STRIKERS** at Hindmarsh Stadium/Adelaide/2.30pm.



NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

4 NORTHWOOD ST, ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley (049) 24 930 (Bus)
COACH: A. VEST
GROUND: International Sports Centre,
 Turton Rd, New Lambton (049) 52 1224
SPONSOR: Tooth & Co, Brewers of KB Beer



This week's match: v **WOLLONGONG WOLVES** at International Sports Centre/Newcastle/Sunday 2.30pm.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS

62 SEVEN HILLS ROAD NORTH, SEVEN HILLS 2147
 624 3344

SECRETARY: P. R. Thorne (624 3344)
COACH: R. Rasic
GROUND: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills
COLOURS: White, red blk trim
 Black, red white trim Black, red white

This week's match: v **STH MELBOURNE GUNNERS** at Gabbie Stadium/Sydney/Saturday 4pm.



MARCONI LEOPARDS

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, NSW 2176

SECRETARY: M. Urukato (02) 604 5095
 604 5222
COACH: R. Blanco
GROUND: Marconi Stadium, Marconi Rd, Bossley Park
COLOURS: White & red, blue trim
SPONSOR: Datsun



This week's match: v **CANBERRA ARROWS** at Marconi Stadium/Sydney/Sunday 3pm.

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

P.O. BOX 265 BROADWAY, BRISBANE 4001
 Ph: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale (07) 52 4711
COACH: G. Potter
GROUND: Spencer Park
SPONSOR: Stock 84 Brandy

This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG WARRIORS** at Olympic Park/Melbourne/Sunday 3pm.



PRESTON RAMS

211 SMITH ST, FITZROY, VIC 3065

SECRETARY: P. Mouka 651 2401 **COACH:** B. Edgley
GROUND: B. T. Connor Reserve, Cnr Radford Rd & Broadhurst Ave,
 Reservoir.
COLOURS: Red, black, gold
 This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Lions Stadium/Brisbane/Sunday 3pm. Philips Cup match: v **HEIDELBERG WARRIORS** at Olympic Park/Melbourne/Wednesday 8pm.

BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310 DARRA, QLD, 4076

SECRETARY: L. Oudendyk
COACH: M. Carson
GROUND: Lions Stadium, Pine Rd., Richlands
 (07) 372 2989

COLOURS: Orange and Blue
 This week's match: v **PRESTON RAMS** at Lions Stadium/Brisbane/Sunday 3pm.



STH. MELBOURNE GUNNERS

P.O. BOX 64, ST KILDA WEST, VIC, 3182

SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, 528 6196 (Bus)
COACH: J. Margaritis (Restaurant 534 4141)
GROUND: Middle Park Stadium, Middle Park,
 534 5408, 534 5462



COLOURS: Blue and white.
 This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN DEMONS** Gabbie Stadium/Sydney/Saturday 4pm.

CANBERRA ARROWS

P.O. BOX 910 CANBERRA CITY, ACT 2601 (062) 48 8215

SECRETARY: R. Preston 48 8215
COACH: G. Murray
GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce
SPONSOR: "Lotto"
COLOURS: White with multi colour stripes

This week's match: v **MARCONI LEOPARDS** at Marconi Stadium/Sydney/Sunday 3pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

P.O. BOX 291 WATERLOO, N.S.W. 2017

SECRETARY: N. Smilis 88 1337
COACH: T. Docherty
GROUND: Pratten Park
COLOURS: Royal blue, white



This week's match: v **SYDNEY SLICKERS** at Pratten Park/Sydney/Sunday 3pm.

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

MANAGER: O. Norris 792 9348 (Bus) 459 4652 (AH)
SECRETARY: S. Rombotis 428 3720
COACH: J. Rooney
GROUND: Olympic Park (03) 42 0642
COLOURS: Blk and gold

This week's match: v **BRISBANE GLADIATORS** at Olympic Park/Melbourne/Sunday 3pm. Philips Cup match: v **PRESTON RAMS** at Olympic Park/Melbourne/Wednesday 8pm.



SYDNEY SLICKERS

61 HALL ST, BONDI, N.S.W. 2026

SECRETARY: D. Childs (02) 30 3344 (Bus)
 (AH) 525 7734
COACH: E. Thomson
GROUND: Sydney Sports Ground
SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods
COLOURS: Sky blue, white hoops (White shorts) red socks



This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIANS** at Pratten Park/Sydney/Sunday 3pm.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: L. Tanovski, 470 4734
COACH: C. Cirkovic
GROUND: Schintler Reserve, Footscray Road, Footscray
COLOURS: Blue, white, red.



WOLLONGONG WOLVES

P.O. BOX 1706 WOLLONGONG

SECRETARY: R. Drake (042) 29 2018 (Bus)
COACH: K. Morton
GROUND: Wollongong Showgrounds
COLOURS: Red, white trim